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NO FURTHER ACTION ON JOHN PERIN

VERDICT BY PSL

BY WALLY BRUCE AND TOM McKAIN

The Philips Soccer League's Disciplinary Committee decided yesterday (Monday) to let the John Perin case drop.

The committee discussed an incident in the July 12 match between Brisbane Lions and Adelaide City in which Perin was sent off the field.

There have been many accusations and counter accusations from both sides, and at one time, it seemed Lions coach Joe Gilroy had declared open war on Perin!

In the controversial incident, it was alleged that Perin head-butted young Lions defender Calvin Daunt.

Perin was sent off by referee Col Amos.

Daunt underwent an operation in a Brisbane hospital on the day after the match and coach Gilroy accused Perin of being a "hooligan."

Daunt was kept in hospital until last Wednesday.

While Gilroy was so bitter about the whole affair, rival coach Bob D'Ottavi of Adelaide City strongly defended Perin. D'Ottavi said he couldn't understand why Perin was sent off!

D'Ottavi said: "A linesman called the referee over and claimed Perin had butted a Lions player. We deny that."

However, John Morcus, the Brisbane Lions president, was angry enough to write letters of protest to Adelaide City and to the Philips League after the match.

At yesterday's PSL meeting, the decision was that no further action would be taken against John Perin.

PSL manager Paul Kemp said: "The committee found that, in the light of the evidence presented, no action would be taken against the player — other than the mandatory one-match suspension which followed his sending-off."

D'Ottavi is still furious about the way the match was controlled by referee Col Amos and he will ask his club to apply for a neutral ref when the South Australians meet Brisbane City in Brisbane in the second-last PSL round.

D'Ottavi weighed in with this broadside: "I used to think players and coaches exaggerated about Brisbane refereeing — but now I've seen it all for myself."

Bob D'Ottavi is in his first season as a PSL coach.

Another case discussed at yesterday's Disciplinary Committee meeting concerned the sending-off in the Blacktown v Prestonmatch of Preston player-coach Peter Ollerton.

It was alleged that Ollerton, a former Australian World Cup player, used foul and abusive language and spat at officials.

Yesterday's verdict on the case was that the player (Ollerton) should be fined $250 for allegedly bringing the game into disrepute.

DAN'S PLAN FOR TENNIS LOUTS

DAN MASKELL, doyen of Wimbledon commentators, wants tennis to follow Soccer and bring in the card system.

Maskell, who is obviously very angry about the on-court tantrums of stars like John McEnroe, feels tennis will have to get tougher with players whose conduct continues to mar the game's image.

At 73, and with 30 years of Wimbledon commentating behind him, Maskell says: "I'd like to see tennis adopt the same policy as Soccer by instigating the card system. It always seems to work on matters of discipline.

"For instance, if a tennis player begins acting up and objecting to line calls, he should be shown the yellow card.

"Then, if he persists in misbehaving, I would have no hesitation in showing him the red card — meaning he would leave the court and forfeit the match."

Maskell did not name McEnroe but, as the world's worst-behaved tennis player, the "Brookyln Buffoon" couldn't help but collect red cards consistently!

As Dan Maskell says: "It really is time for something to be done to stamp out this serious problem."

HOW WOULD TENNIS ACE JOHN McENROE REACT IF HIS ON-COURT TANTRUMS EARNED THE WRATH OF A TOP SOCCER REFEREE ? MORE IMPORTANT, HOW WOULD AUSTRALIA'S TONY BOSKOVIC FEEL IF HE HAD TO SUFFER A McENROE OUTBURST ? MAYBE THIS COMPOSITE PICTURE HAS THE ANSWERS !

EDITORIAL

During the next three months, there is no doubt that the man with the most difficult job in Australian Soccer will be Brian Emery.

Mr Emery, of course, is the Youth Development Officer of the Australian Soccer Federation. More important, he has been given the task of directing operations for the FIFA World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup.

It is an enormous undertaking, particularly for a man who entered the strange and sometimes baffling world of the ASF comparatively recently.

Let's be frank. Several critics did not think Brian Emery had the capacity to organise an event of the magnitude of the Coca-Cola Cup. Some still insist he is going to fall flat on his face come October.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY does not agree. Mr Emery recently gave a talk to a few selected media men in Sydney. He spoke for about an hour, imparting invaluable information about what has been done so far and what will be done in the future to ensure the success of the World Youth Championships.

Brian Emery, we believe, has the situation well in hand. As director of operations, he is right on schedule with the organisation of the WYC. We were pleasantly surprised to discover that everything is running so smoothly.

Of course, there could be a few minefields, undetected as yet, which Mr Emery will have to negotiate in the lead-up to the October kick-off. But we feel he can cope.

Having said all this, we fail to understand why there are still some knockers in our midst. These people go out of their way to denigrate the labours of the man in charge of WYC. It is an Australian boast that everyone is given a "fair go" in this country.

Brian Emery has certainly earned that fair go.

And, still on the topic of the Coca-Cola Cup, forgive us if we are not entirely convinced that the nations competing will send full-strength teams to the championships.

We have been told, and we have read, about the great new feeling in England, with country at last coming before club. It would be nice to believe such stories. But to do so is to stretch credibility too far.

The clubs in England are all-powerful. In October, the leading teams will be getting stuck into important European competitions. Will they accept the loss of several of their best young players who wish to play in a Youth competition in far-off Australia'?

Forgive us if we have doubts. Only last year, Tottenham Hotspur made the grand gesture by releasing Ossie Ardiles to play for Argentina in the "little World Cup." Tottenham were reprimanded by the Football League for being so generous to Ardiles! Later, Ardiles, himself, was castigated by his club for not rushing back to London as soon as the tournament concluded.

Country before club? We'll believe it when it happens.

ALUN EVANS, HERO OF STH. MELBOURNE, GETS THE BETTER OF LEICHHARDT'S JOHN BRADLEY

GET WELL CHARLIE

Charles Valentine, the popular treasurer of the New South Wales Soccer Federation, returned home on Sunday after three weeks in hospital where he was operated on.

Wife Joan said Charles is coming along well but feels very tired.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY wishes Charles Valentine a speedy recovery.

Charles is, of course, the mastermind behind the exciting Parklea Soccer complex.

PHILIPS LEAGUE

RESULTS OF ROUND 22:

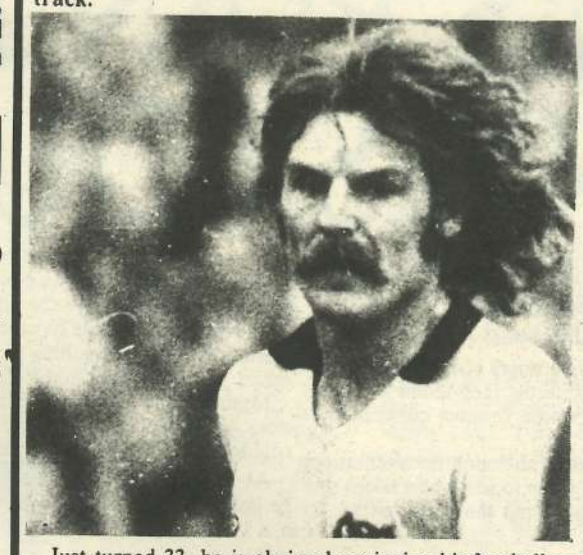
Sydney City - Footscray 3-0
Watson, Boden, Barnes
Marconi - Sydney Olympic 2-1
Jankovics, Johnston(M), Katholos(SO)
Canberra Arrows - Heidelberg 1-5
Purdie(CA), Cole 2, Paton 2, Taveski(H)
Wollongong - West Adelaide 2-1
Campbell,Fontana(W), Smythe(WA)
South Melbourne - Leichhardt 4-1
Evans 3, Wooddin(SM), Butler(L)
Preston - Newcastle KB 3-1
Lucchessi,Brown,Flavelle(P), Heys(KB)
Brisbane City - Brisbane Lions 1-0
P.Wilkinson(BC)

TOP SCORERS:
10. Boden(SC)
9. Evans(SM),Wilkinson(BC)
8. Mitchell(AC),Cole,Paton(H),Ollerton(P)
7. Barnes(SC),Christopoulos(SM)
J.Nyskohus(AC),Koussas(SO)
6.Gibson(CA),O'Connor,Soper(L)
Mountford(KB),Sharne(M),Souness(SC)

Peter Wilson says

"I COULD CARRY ON"

Speculation that 1981 might be former national captain Peter Wilson's swansong could be off the track.



Just turned 33, he is obviously enjoying his football as much or more than ever.

Faced with a report that Fairy Meadow are interested in his services for next year, he said that he was unlikely to be with them next season.

"If things go well and I continue to play, I will carry on in the PSL," he said.

Peter is happy with the way many of the Leichhardt youngsters are going, but he is equally certain that the team is still well below what could be achieved within a couple of years.

With a dearth of experience of Soccer in the club at the levels that Wilson has known, his decision to proceed full steam ahead will be welcomed by the Leichhardt fans.

— Keith Gilmour

The ACT Soccer Federation and Canberra Arrows haven't seen eye-to-eye for a long time. The scars run deep.

However, the ACT Council of Clubs this week went some way to healing the rift when accepting Canberra's offer of free office space in premises it leases in Civic.

Initially the offer was for some payment but later amended to no fee at all — one gratefully accepted by the Federation.

Its only problem is how to utilise the space as it does not have any full-time, paid office holder.

But they assure everyone that it will be utilised.

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Greg Ankudinoff knows all about how quickly a player can slide.

At the start of this season, Greg was first choice full-back in Sydney Olympic's Philips League side. Where is he now? Last week, he was used as a substitute in Olympic's youth team!

LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
SYDNEY CITY	9	2	0	27- 9	20	5	1	5	10-11	11	22	14	3	5	37-20	31
SOUTH MELBOURNE	8	2	1	17- 8	18	2	7	1	12-11	11	21	10	9	2	29-19	29
ADELAIDE CITY	7	1	4	18-12	14	4	3	3	17-12	11	22	11	4	7	35-24	26
LEICHHARDT	6	3	1	15- 7	15	4	3	4	12-16	11	21	10	6	5	27-23	26
CANBERRA ARROWS	4	4	3	18-13	12	5	3	3	11- 7	13	22	9	7	6	29-20	25
BRISBANE CITY	8	2	1	18- 4	18	1	5	5	6-12	7	22	9	7	6	24-16	25
BRISBANE LIONS	7	3	1	17- 6	17	0	6	4	9-13	6	21	7	9	5	26-19	23
WOLLONGONG	3	6	2	15-13	12	3	5	4	10- 9	11	23	6	11	6	25-22	23
NEWCASTLE KB	4	4	3	19-11	11	5	1	5	12-18	11	22	9	5	8	31-29	23
MARCONI	6	2	3	14-13	14	3	2	5	5-15	8	21	9	4	8	19-28	22
HEIDELBERG	3	2	5	10-12	8	4	2	5	21-21	10	21	7	4	10	31-33	18
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	5	4	2	17-13	14	1	2	8	13-25	4	22	6	6	10	30-38	18
FOOTSCRAY	5	4	2	15-11	14	1	1	9	5-27	3	22	6	5	11	20-37	17
PRESTON	4	4	3	17-12	12	1	2	8	8-22	4	22	5	6	11	25-34	16
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	3	3	5	14-16	9	1	4	6	11-18	6	22	4	7	11	25-34	15
WEST ADELAIDE	3	2	5	11-11	8	1	1	10	9-25	3	22	4	3	15	20-36	11

NOW THE KIDS MUST PROVE THEIR MERIT

By David Jack

Australia's World Cup squad — chasing a lost cause or not — flies out of Sydney Airport tomorrow (Wednesday) to do battle with Fiji in the Oceania World Cup Group.

Coach Les Scheinflug, unlike any Socceroo coach for many years, has been "advised" by the Australian Soccer Federation about the composition of his squad.

In other words, Scheinflug was not allowed to pick the 16 strongest players. It was made clear to him that he must include a certain number of young players.

One wonders how Rudi Gutendorf would have reacted to similar direction from above.

Scheinflug, however, has not complained about including seven youngsters in the Fiji party. Indeed, he seems happy to have Glen Ahearn, Robbie Wheatley, Steve Blair, Alan Davidson, David Mitchell, Ian Hunter and Peter Katholos in the squad. Blair, Davidson and, possibly, Mitchell are there on merit. Most of the other members of the "boys brigade" will serve Scheinflug in the World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup in October.

So it is in Scheinflug's interest to give the young men valuable experience of international football.

Having said that, I wonder about the wisdom of sending an under-strength team to Fiji for a match which Australia MUST win. Should Glen Ahearn be on the plane instead of Greg Woodhouse? Should Ian Hunter be there rather than Kenny Boden?

Fiji may be minnows on the map of world Soccer but let us not forget they beat an Australian XI not so many years agc. World Cup qualifying matches should not be used for experiments with immature players. Let us hope this ASF youth gamble does not come unstuck next Sunday in Suva.

On the whole, the 16-man squad looks competent. It might even be called exciting, although there must be doubts about some of the players who fly out tomorrow.

Peter Katholos has been well below his best for Sydney Olympic and, if current form is to mean anything, his team mate Peter Raskopoulos was more deserving of the trip.

Gary Cole is another Socceroo who has done little this season to hold his World Cup position.

And how about the fitness of Alan Maher, Peter Sharne and Ian Hunter?

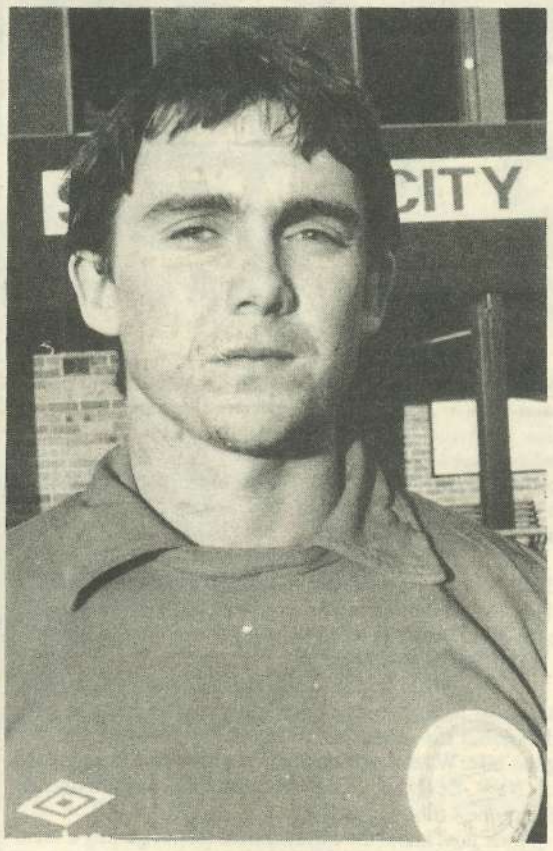
When he discarded John Kosmina on the score of fitness, Les Scheinflug commented: "It is too big a risk to use a man in the World Cup if he is not 100 per cent fit."

If the Australian coach really means that, we assume Maher, Sharne and Hunter are all perfectly fit. Dressing room chit chat indicates this is not so.

The average age of the squad going to Fiji is not much more than 21 years. That is good. Australia's future rests with young players. Now it is up to the kids to justify selection, to prove they have won selection on their ability — not just on the date on their birth certificates.

This is the World Cup squad:— Goalkeepers: Allan Maher, Glen Ahearn. Defenders: Robert Wheatley, Steve Blair, Alan Niven, Alan Davidson. Midfield: Gary Byrne, Murray Barnes, Tony Henderson, Peter Katholos. Strikers: Peter Sharne, David Mitchell, Gary Cole, Ian Hunter, Eddie Krncevic and Tony Brennan.

The other six squad members (not travelling to Fiji) are:— Ken Boden, Greg Woodhouse, Peter Raskopoulos, Mark Jankovics, Bobby Russell and John Kosmina.



GLEN AHEARN

IAN HUNTER

ROBBIE WHEATLEY

Alitalia

TRIP TO ROME FOR A LUCKY PLAYER

Time is running out for picking up points in the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL "player of the year" contest.

The contest, with a magnificent prize of a return air ticket, flying Alitalia, from Melbourne or Sydney to Rome will close after the last round of the Philips League.

With most clubs having only eight matches to play, the pressure is really on — although there are still plenty of points to be won.

It just needs one player to turn in three or four outstanding performances in succession. If this happens, it would make a big difference to the standings.

Denis Boland, Phil O'Connor, Tony Brennan and Ian Souness are four players in great touch right now. Will one of them climb up to join current leader, Terry Byrne?

In addition to the Alitalia trip, the contest winner will receive the handsome ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL trophy which he will keep.

There is also a portable colour TV set which will be won. The TV will be presented to the player topping the goalscoring charts at the end of the 30 premiership rounds.

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This is the up-to-date situation in "player of the year" contest:-

27 - Terry Byrne
23 - David Mitchell
21 - Phil O'Connor, Denis Boland, Joe Senkalski, Peter Katholos
20 - Col Bennett, Alun Evans
19 - Peter Wilson (Leich), Chris Dunleavy
17 - Tony Brennan
16 - Ian Souness
15 - Martin Coe
14 - Arno Bertogna, Allan Maher, Jim Hermiston
12 - Paul Burrows, John Djordjevic, Jim Campbell
11 - Bugsy Nyskohus, Alan Whittle, Martyn Crook, Tony Henderson, Paul Wilkinson
10 - Graham Jennings, Peter Sharne, Greg Woodhouse, Robbie Cullen, Bill de Graaf, Arthur Xanthopoulos
9 - Joe Watson, Paul Reaney, Jim Ziras, Larry Gaffney, Jim McBreen, Clive Campbell
8 - Arthur McMillan, Slobodan Jovanovic, Steve Sumner, Ljube Petrovski, Jimmy Dunne, Gary Byrne, Steve Blair, Brian O'Donnell, Bruce James, Malcolm McClelland

Goalscoring will also earn its reward in the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL contest. We have a portable colour television set for the man on top of the scoring charts at the end of the competition.

STAR INTERVIEW

RICHARD WILSON AND DUNCAN COLE

Talk To Steve Burns

A savage indictment of Rudi Gutendorf, astonishment that Martyn Crook is not Australia's goalkeeper, a call to continue experimenting with young Australians at the top — and for all segments of Soccer to pull together rather than separately.

These — and more — were among the comments in an exclusive ASW face-to-face interview with two top Kiwi internationals, Richard Wilson and Duncan Cole.

They justify their claims after nearly two full seasons living and playing in Australia and having played against the Socceroos, not just in the present abortive World Cup bid but on several occasions previously.

Q: How did you view Australia's World Cup performance against New Zealand?

A: Below par. The form of the national side didn't reflect the standard of Australia's flag carrier — the PSL. There was no spirit. Speaking to your players after the game, it was obvious they didn't get along as a squad with the coach. It was an unsettled squad — despite the lengthy build-up.

(Richard Wilson added): "To be honest, I felt the attitude of a few players was also wrong. They seemed to believe they were automatically entitled to a place rather than having to earn it. That's not good for any team.

"Some of the players weren't happy where they were playing and the side wasn't organised. New Zealand was. We had been beaten plenty of times before but this time, win or lose, we were all determined to give total effort. We did and that's why we won."

Q: Your views for tomorrow's recipe?

A: Promote the abundance of youthful talent around today. Some have already proved themselves — others would, too, if carefully nurtured and blooded in top international Soccer in the right way. Lots of Australian youngsters have the physical capabilities to step up to top national and international Soccer. They should be encouraged to do so more often.

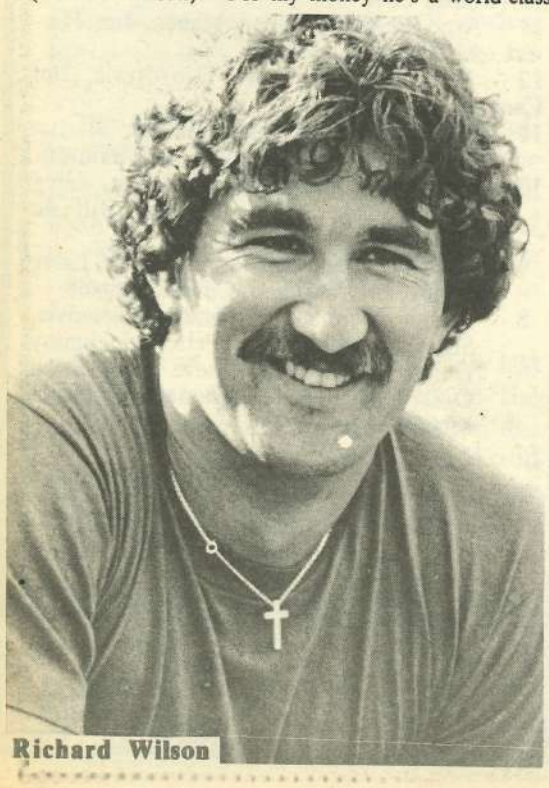
Q: But what was wrong with the Australian side in New Zealand?

A: Basically it was the forwards. They didn't function — but neither did the midfield. Neither got a grip on the game. We couldn't understand why someone like Boden was kept off for half the game and someone like Davidson was wasted at full-back when his great attacking talents would, in our view, have been better utilised from the midfield.

Q: Who was missing who should have been in the squad?

A: While we don't think the team was necessarily the right one the total squad was representative of the best Australian talent. It was just that in three or four key areas the wrong players were used. We also believe Martyn Crook should be Australia's goalkeeper.

(Richard Wilson): "For my money he's a world-class keeper, certainly the best in Australia. It's madness not naming him Australia's goalkeeper."



Richard Wilson

Duncan Cole

Q: What about today's PSL?

A: We can only compare it with New Zealand. It's better than anything New Zealand has to offer. It's better than a lot of Australians are prepared to admit. We know this from the comments of well-performed UK players we've played with and against in the PSL. They comment constantly on its pace and say from a fitness point of view, it is as demanding as top UK Soccer. Skill-wise it is marginally below the best.

And the PSL continues to improve. It's much better now than it was at its birth four years ago and better this year than last. It continues, in our view, to improve steadily each year. Surely that can only augur well for the future?

Q: What of the future?

A: The World Cup set-back will be felt more than many admit — because today's youngsters aren't going to have the idols a run in the last 16 would have created. That's a great pity. We can only compare it with what has happened in New Zealand. The reaction has been fantastic. Everyone's rooting for us.

Kiwis now know the astronomical cost of getting a team to the last 16. We have had kids sending us their savings — three and four dollars to help us along. It gives you a tremendous feeling of national pride and an iron determination to give all you've got.

A New Zealand insurance group printed posters of the team — big and small ones. All of the NZ PSL players — six then, seven now — signed them by the hundreds and they get sent to kids all over New Zealand. Even All Black fanatics are wishing us well — for New Zealand's sake. Its a great feeling

Q: Any other views on the game's progress in Australia?

A: Yes, we still feel too many people honestly giving a tremendous amount of time to Soccer pull separately rather than together. It's still an ethnic and "the rest" situation. There doesn't seem to be total co-operation for the game's sake. That is holding the game back. Yet people, as the amounts of money now being offered to world class players indicates, are prepared to take chances. We wish it was always in the best interests of the game, not just a club. There is just too much wasted energy on bickering — like the right players of the right ethnic background for the right ethnic club. That can't help.

Both of us think people should also stop being too ready to knock the game.

Q: What, if any, are the encouraging signs for the game?

A: We think there are many good signs for Australian Soccer. In New Zealand the kids are really getting behind the game. The same is happening here, too.

There is so much more interest overseas in Australasian Soccer because we are now less geographically isolated through the importation of overseas players, international tours and tours within Australia and New Zealand by top overseas clubs.

Q: How could we further tap that growing interest?

A: We'd like to see another tournament like that which brought Celtic, Arsenal, and other top clubs here a few years ago. We were not here then but could only read about it. It got a tremendous Press. We think another similar tournament would be a giant success right now!

With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

CROWNING GLORY OF C/COAST

Something that may be new to other women's Soccer organisations is rapidly becoming "old-hat" to the Central Coast (NSW) Women's Soccer Association.

This will be the fourth year that this energetic Association will run a "Soccer Queen" contest.

This will be the culmination of the year's activity on the Central Coast when candidates will be selected and the lucky winner, crowned at the presentation ball which will be held at the end of the season.

Previously the limit for the quest was one person from each club. This year however, the committee has decided to allow clubs to nominate two entrants.

All entrants will be judged on appearance; grooming and personality; commonsense knowledge and the ability to converse. ASW notes that no Soccer laws of the game have crept into the questions to be asked.

An independant panel of judges will interview all entrants and their names will be placed in a sealed envelope to be opened at the presentation ball.

The crowning and sashing of the winner will be performed by last year's winner, Michelle McLeoud of the Ettalong club.

Local jeweller, Peter Quinn of Gosford, made the crowns which are valued in excess of $1,000 each.

All girls will be sashed in their club colours and it should be quite a spectacle.

Previous winners were Kim Herbert of Budgewoi S.C., 1978; Robin Barwell, Ocean Beach S.C., 1979 and Michelle McLeoud last year.

There have been four Central Coast people appointed as officials for the Northern NSW State side at the Australian Women's Soccer Championships which will be held in Sydney in late August.

Lionel Sneyd of San Remo has been appointed the State coach this year. Mr Sneyd got a taste of State coaching in 1978 when he was appointed to the position of assistant State coach for Northern NSW when the championships were held in Newcastle.

The following year he became the State coach and took his team to Darwin where he helped lift the position of the Northern NSW girls from seventh to fourth position.

Last year in Adelaide, Lionel got that little extra out of the girls and had them bring back the runner-up trophy from NSW who narrowly won it by one point.

This year he hopes to turn the tables on the "City Cousins" and bring back the ultimate in Australian women's Soccer.

The team-manageress this year is Mrs Pat Moffitt from East Gosford. Pat held this position in 1979 when the team trecked overland by coach from Newcastle to Darwin. She could not make the trip to Adelaide last year due to illness. Her steady influence on the girls should be a great asset in Sydney this year.

The position of assistant State coach has gone this year to a young and enthusiastic supporter of the Nthn. NSW women's Soccer movement. He is Mr Gary Chamberlain of Umina.

Under the guidance of Lionel Sneyd he can only gain in experience and knowledge.

To assist the girls through the tournament, the Northern NSW body has appointed a State medical officer to go with them.

Mrs Elaine Iserif of Budgewoi is a qualified nursing sister and very popular with the girls.

Last year she had the thrill of hearing her daughter Renaye's name announced as a member of the Australian squad.

The girls will be sponsored by a major car firm in Gosford, Midway Motors. This is again proof of the interest shown recently in women's Soccer by firms interested in sponsoring a going concern.

Information from government sources has shown that of all sports, the one with the capacity to increase more than any other is women's Soccer.

Although 1988 seems a long way off, moves are underway in Gosford to upgrade Gosford's premier park, Grahame Park, to the standard where it would have night lighting suitable for colour television, an extension to the grandstands and extended moulding of the perimiter of the ground to give a capacity of 22,000 people.

What has this to do with women's Soccer?

In 1988, the National Championships have been allocated to Northern NSW and the Sport's Council Women's Soccer representative, Irene Sneyd, has suggested that the new complex be built as part of the Bi-centennial celebrations.

Mrs Sneyd, a committee member of both the Northern NSW and the Australian Women's Soccer associations, said a much-needed sports stadium would be an ideal way to celebrate Australia's 200th birthday.

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I have been asked to remind the girls who could become members of the Australian team to tour New Zealand almost immediately after the National Championships, that they will all need passports.

With a delay at the passport office in Sydney of at least 15 days from the day the application is lodged, girls are advised to use their judgement as to when and if they should make application.

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The 18 girls for the Victorian State squad have been named by coach, Mick Hoar.

They are:

- from Greenborough club — S. Bass; K. Coates; A. Martin; C. Elvey.
- from Dandenong — T. Jones; K. Hume; J. Rampal; C. Delio.
- from Springvale — T. Singleton.
- from South Melbourne — P. Athanasiadis; M. Rust.
- from Footscray — C. Howarth.
- from Watsonia club — H. Allen; J. Goodman; C. Monk.
- from Monash — T. Hodge; B. Murphy.
- from Boronia — J. McPhee.

The team manageress will be L. Wingrave with Dr A. Small as the medico.

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PSL MANAGERS READY TO PLAY AGAIN

By John Economos

Two PSL managers are very seriously contemplating making a return to the playing pitch.

They are Sydney Olympic's Douggie Collins and Canberra's George Murray.

In Collins' case, Sydney Olympic has problems in the midfield where both Katholos and Raskopoulos have been drafted into the Australian World Cup side. Katholos will be travelling to Fiji, whilst "Rasko" is on standby.

Collins has been worried by Katholos' recent lack of form in the PSL, although at the same time he is most pleased with Raskopoulos.

Late last week, Collins said to me that he feels that there is a definite need for him to "strip" for Sydney Olympic if he is to steer Olympic well away from the relegation area.

There is no doubting Collins' enormous experience as he has played in the English first division with top side Burnley as a midfielder for 10 years.

During his playing days, Collins played with an illustrious band of players in the same team with internationals like Leighton James, Willie Morgan, Martin Dobson, Keith Newton and Ralphie Coates. Doug's solid professional experience would prove invaluable to the young Olympians on the playing pitch.

As well, Collins completed a playing stint in America with Tulsa Roughnecks.

Meanwhile, George Murray, Canberra's excellent supremo, finds himself very 'thin' with his playing staff after some recent player sales and was ready to take the pitch against Olympic two weeks ago.

Murray is a true professional Soccer manager as he has proved in the last few weeks. When he originally arrived at Canberra, he found that his new club was well and truly in the 'red'. With methodical precision, Murray embarked upon sale of playing staff,to bring in cash,whilst at the same time keeping Canberra Arrows well up on the PSL ladder.

In fact, Murray has earned some $80,000 from the sale of players, but while such managerial expertise has brought a smile to the Canberra's treasurer's face, Murray has found himself lately, very short of reserve power due to some injuries, especially to his star centre-back Roy Stark, who is out of the Canberra side for the rest of the season.

I think in the case of Sydney Olympic, the pressure for Collins to come on the pitch especially after their loss to Marconi last Sunday, is a professional necessity as the club has drifted towards the perimeter of the relegation zone.

With Collins' come-back, this will never happen again. His ball-service, direction and guidance to his strikers should see Sydney Olympic come back on a winning streak to surpass the six victories they achieved under Tommy Docherty.

WHO IS THE SABOTEUR?

Asks John Field

Is Rudi Gutendorf trying to sabotage Australia's slim hopes of qualifying for the World Cup?

The question is not as silly as it may appear. It is prompted by an amazing story in the July 9 issue of the AUSTRALIAN JEWISH TIMES.

The story refers to one of Fiji's leading Soccer administrators, Moti Musadilal. This is how it goes:-

"Moti knew all about Rudi's resignation from the Australian scene because Rudi had offered to coach the Fijian team in its matches against Australia and New Zealand!

"Moti said that the local Soccer Association had received a surprise phone call from Gutendorf offering his services for a 'minimum' payment, and then had received a telex confirming the offer.

"The Fijian Soccer people didn't want to be part of any 'revenge' plan by Rudi — and besides they are quite happy with the coach who has the job at the present time."

If the Jewish Times story is correct — and we have no cause to doubt it — this presents Rudi Gutendorf in a new, and most unfavourable, light.

It is unthinkable that a coach, who professed to have such a deep-seated love for Australia, should be keen to help Fiji beat the Socceroos in the World Cup.

Rudi Gutendorf, as we recall, once accused Australian PSL coaches of sabotaging the Socceroos by giving information to New Zealand.

The revelation in the Jewish Times suggests there could be another saboteur on the World Cup scene.

PHILIPS YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal Diff.
Marconi	18	12	4	2	49	17	28	+32
Leichhardt	17	12	3	2	42	20	27	+22
A.I.S.	21	11	3	7	56	37	25	+19
Newcastle	18	8	7	3	34	29	23	+5
Sydney City	18	6	7	5	40	26	19	+14
Olympians	19	6	6	7	27	23	18	+4
Wollongong	20	6	2	12	23	47	14	−24
Blacktown	17	2	3	12	21	42	7	−21
Canberra	16	1	1	14	12	63	3	−51

RESULTS:

WED, JULY 15:

Blacktown City v Sydney City 1-1
Pollard Vale

SUN, JULY 19:

Marconi v Olympians 3-2 (2-1)
Carbone, Scheinflug, Muir Ankudinoff 2

A.I.S. v Sydney City 2-5 (2-0)
Wright, McLaughlin Tessoro 2, De Maringny, Vale, Fletcher

Canberra v Wollongong 2-0 (1-0)
Nouisinan 2

Blacktown - Newcastle 0-0

At Marconi Oval, new leaders Marconi defeated visitors Olympians with a last-gasp goal in injury time by Socceroo Jimbo Muir. But the young Leopards should have had the game sewn up well before this with three headers and a shot cleared off the line by the Olympians defence.

The Olympians opened the scoring early in the first half when Greg Ankudinoff raced away to score after a slip up by Jimbo Muir. The Leopards replied immediately from the kick-off through Attilio Carbone; then national coach Les Scheinflug'S son Paul put the Fairfielders in front before the break.

Greg Ankudinoff scored the equaliser and his second with a well-taken free kick 20 minutes from time. Then Muir made amends for his early error with the headed goal from a corner in the dying seconds.

At the Sydney Athletic Field in an uninspiring match a strong Newcastle side fielding PSL players, Clint Gosling, Neil Endicott and Ian Buckley, could make no impression on a dour Blacktown side which was well served by goalkeeper Frank Colussi, Michael Dodd and David Taylor.

The Bruce Stadium was the scene for two dramatic games this week-end, with the young Arrows recording their first win of the season against Wollongong.

In an earlier game, the young Sydney Slickers overcame a two goal deficit at half-time to defeat the strong A.I.S. side 5-2. In the latter match Jimmy Shoulder'S boys got on top of the midfield in the first half and capitalised on some slack City defence to go in at half-time leading 2-0 through goals from Danny Wright and Danny McLaughlin. But the young Slickers came back in the second half with a vengence scoring two excellent goals in seven minutes by Eddie Tessoro from free kicks.

The turning point of the match was the third goal, when City left back John-Paul De Marigny raced into the box and finished off an excellent right flank move by taking the ball on his chest and then driving it in from 18 yards. Peter VALE in his second full game scored his second goal in as many games to make it 4-2 and Graeme Fletcher added the fifth to complete the scoring in the 30th minute of the half.

Best for Slickers were Eddie Tessoro, Peter Vale and Captain Alan McGrouther who was perpetual motion throughout the match.

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES:

SUN, JULY 26:

Blacktown City v Leichhardt 12.30 pm Gabbie Stadium
Newcastle KB v A.I.S. 12 noon International SC
Canberra City v Sydney City 12.30 pm Lambert Park
Wollongong v Marconi 12.30 pm Wollongong Showground
Olympians - bye

PETER RUSSELL

DEMONS SHATTER SLICKERS HOPES

By ALEX VESIC

Hopes of a four-point lead at the top of the PSL ladder vanished for Sydney City following their 1-0 defeat at the hands of Blacktown Demons at Marconi Stadium.

It was a complete reversal of form for Blacktown in a matter of four days. Since their terrible performance against Preston, Blacktown lifted their game to the heights of a top PSL side to account for Sydney City.

In fact the Demons were far better then the result suggests and had Brian O'Donnell been on target, it would have resulted in a shattering defeat for the League leaders.

Blacktown's latest import from Yugoslavia, Branislav Krstic, scored the only goal of the game, but he must also get a lot of credit for the performance of the Demons.

Following a quick move by Jovan Djordevic from well within his own half, Blacktown opened the gap which saw Burrows and Krstic combine before pushing the ball across to the left wing for O'Donnell to cross hard and low, and Krstic was left with the easiest of tasks to tap the ball in from short range.

Almost from the restart, the Slickers had their opportunity but a shot by Murray Barnes went straight at Bruce James.

The game continued to switch from one end of the park to the other giving the crowd some superb entertainment. Sydney City, pushing for their third PSL title, were frustrated by Blacktown's offside trap and some of their players lost their temper in the process.

Kevin Mullen, Joe Watson and "Rocky" O'Connor received yellow cards

Blacktown's Cliff Pointer got the first yellow card of the game in the 18th minute; then the trend of bad fouls, dissent and a lot of pushing and shoving behind play continued in the second half giving the referee, Gary Power, no alternative but to issue a further five yellow cards in the second half.

Rassmussen "hit" the book in the 53rd, followed by Hormazabal and Barnes in the 55th minute, with Jovan Djordjevic being booked then "unbooked" after a consultation between Mr Power and his linesman in the 70th minute. John Spanos was the last man to go into the book in the 82nd minute of the game.

Blacktown Demons certainly deserved this victory and could have made it even worse for the Slickers. Brian Turner lobbed Steve O'Connor then faced Todd Clarke but shot well over the bar from a good scoring situation. O'Donnell had two sitters during the second half spell, while Hormazabal had a good chance in the first half.

To close the proceedings Bruce James came out of goal to dive at the feet of Watson and save what looked like a certain equaliser in the last seconds of the game.

Despite some over-enthusiastic tackles which received just rewards, the game provided the fireworks which are associated with top football and I certainly enjoyed it.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS: James, Wheatley, Pointer, Djordjevic, Rassmussen, Selvage, Krstic, O'Donnell, Hormazabal Turner, Burrows.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Mullen, Spanos, O'Connor, Bruce, Patikas, Watson, Barnes, Boden, Cant (Gomez 78), Souness.

REFEREE: G. Power.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Blacktown — Krstic (4). Sydney City — Spanos (3).

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

Every day more youths are coming closer to, and associating with, Soccer. This is very pleasing, but it also inspires some questions. Like these:

A - Has our Soccer its own style?
B - If so, what is that style ?
C - Where has it been taught?
D - By which teachers?
E - How is it taught?

For many Soccer lovers, those questions may be uninteresting, simply because people are satisfied with the show that is served to them, never mind the style.

But for the majority who thirst for something better, not only at club level, but at national team level as well, the word "style" has sense and essence.

If we take a quick look at other countries' Soccer, we find that every one has its own character, its own style. Or the style has been adapted to match the players' temperament, the weather conditions, etc.

In comparison with other countries, our Soccer is impersonal. And it is impersonal because there do not exist coaches who come out of the same school, the same Soccer academy.

Many of our players, who are finishing their careers and becoming coaches, learned Soccer in different countries, under different coaches and teachers.

This means that a team which changes coaches very often is obliged to also change tactics and playing style, whether good or bad.

Part of our recent failure to qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain is due to this.

In our 16 teams who participate in the Philips League, and in the hundreds taking part in State League competitions, there exists a mosaic of coaches.

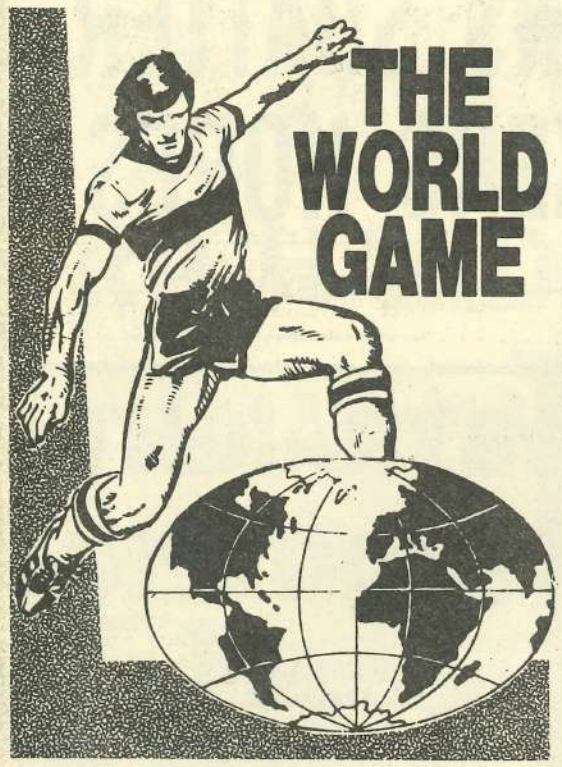
Each belongs to a different Soccer school.

What must be understood by everyone is the importance and necessity for Australian Soccer to take its own character, personality and style — if we want to take a positive step forward.

And to do so it is essential to build the right sort of Soccer academies where our top coaches can teach the style of play required by Australian Soccer.

Mr Eric Worthington was appointed many years ago by the Australian Soccer Federation to fulfil this important role in our Soccer and to improve our coaching standards. But so far we haven't seen anything. Is anybody responsible to check up on Mr Worthington's job? And if so, what has he seen so far?

We, and the people of Soccer, will be very happy, and should have a right, to know about this.



SOUTH AMERICAN DETAILS

Carasco, of Racing Beunos Aires, leads the goalscoring table in Argentina with 16 goals. Chaparro of Instituto De Cordoba is also on 16, while Diego Maradona and his team-mate Brindisi share the third spot with 15 goals.

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Zico — the tormentor of European sides during the recent visit of Brazil's national team of England, France and West Germany — is still well behind the leaders for goalscoring honours in Rio de Janeiro.

Top scorer with 10 goals is Zico's team-mate at Flamengo, Nunes, with Lusinho of Campo Grande in second place scoring eight goals. Another Lusinho, of America, is third with seven, followed by Zico on six. Zeze of Fluminense and Mendonca of Botafogo have also scored six goals.

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Ponte Pretta has a four-point lead over Guarani in Sao Paolo after the latter suffered a defeat at the hands of Juventus by 3-0 in the 18th round of the Sao Paolo group of the Brazilian League.

Ponte Pretia leads with 28 points, followed by Guarani on 24, Internacional on 24 and Portugesa on 22. Botafogo on 20 and Santos on 19 followed, with Santos still two games in hand.

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After nine rounds of the Rio de Janeiro group, Flamengo leads with 14 points from America and Botafogo on 13, Bangu on 11 and Vasco da Gama on 10.

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Following the 36th round in the Mexican championships, the following are the standings in the four groups:

GROUP 1: Atletico Espanol leads with 41 points followed by Toluca on 40, Monterey on 37, America on 35 and Atlas on 25.

GROUP 2: Cruz Azul and Neza are on 39, Pueblo on 34, Universidad Guadalajara on 31 and Leon on 29.

GROUP 3: Autonoma Mexico is on 48, Zacatepec on 39, Atlante on 39, Potosino on 33 and Curtidores on 27.

GROUP 4: Universitario Mexico on 47, Guadalajara on 41, Nuevo Leon on 34, Tampico on 32.

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Colombia continued its domestic championships despite the fact that the qualifying rounds for Spain '82 against Peru and Uruguay were only a matter of days away.

America retained its lead in the first division following their win over the fourth-placed Cali away from home. Milionaris from Bogeta, two points away from the leaders, won 2-1 against Magdalena, while Nacional stumbled, losing away from home to Cucuta 0-2.

America is on 35 points followed by Milionaris on 33, Nacional 31, Cali 26, Cucuta and Quindio 24, Magdalena 23, Pereira and Santa Fe 22, Bucaramanga 21, Medelin 20, Junior 19, Caldas 17, Telima 16.

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Liga Deportiva Universitaria continue to lead the table in Ecuador. They had to fight hard before disposing of the lowly Universidad De Portoviejo 3-2, to head the table with 20 points. Universided Catolica beat Barcelona 3-1 to remain second on 17 points, while Tecnica Universitario defeated America 4-0 to stay in third place on 14 points.

Nacional, Cuenca and America follow on 13 points, Barcelona and Portoviejo on 12, while Everest and Deportivo also on 12 are at the feet of the table.

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BIG CROWDS IN RUSSIA

In 1980, crowds at Soviet Soccer exceeded the 6,500,000 mark.

Surprisingly, the biggest attendances were not at Moscow stadiums but in Tbilisi where the local Dinamo club played some outstanding matches.

Dinamo Tbilisi's captain Alex Tchivadze was voted Russia's "player of the year" by sports writers.

EURO CUP DRAWS 1981-82

EUROPEAN CUP

This year's draw for the European Cup has provided us with only one outstanding match, Celtic v Juventus, in the first round, while Widzew Lodz - Anderlecht and Ferencvaros - Banik should provide tight encounters.

As for the rest the winners are easy to pick and should see Liverpool, Aston Villa, Red Star and the likes through to the second round.

This is the full list of first round matches:

Craiowa (Rom) - Olympiakos (Greece)
Benfica (Portugal) - Omonia (Cyprus)
Widzew Lodz (Poland) - Anderlecht (Belgium)
FC Zurich (Switz) - Saint Ettiene (France) or Dynamo Berlin (East Ger)
Celtic (Scotland) - Juventus (Italy)
Hibernians (Malta) - Red Star (Yugoslavia)
Palloseura (Finland) - Liverpool (England)
Oester (Sweden) - Bayern Munich (West Germany)
Austria Vienna (Austria) - Artizani Tirana (Albania)
Dinamo Kiev (USSR) - Trabzonspor (Turkey)
Start (Norway) - Alkmaar (Holland)
Aston Villa (England) - Valur (Iceland)
Progres (Luxembourg) - Glentoran (N.Ireland)
Copenhagen (Denmark) - Athlone Town (Rep of Ireland)
CSCA Sofia (Bulgaria) - Real Sociedad (Spain)
Ferencvaros (Hungary) - Banik (Czechoslovakia)

CUP WINNERS CUP

Tottenham to play Ajax of Amsterdam and Dukla Prague to tackle Glasgow Rangers.

Apart from these two games, favourites are easy to pick.

This is the list of first round matches:

Tottenham (England) - Ajax (Holland)
Kotka (Finland) - Bastia (France)
Eintracht Frankfurt (West Ger) - PAOK (Greece)
Dinamo Tbilisi (USSR) - Grazer AK (Austria)
Barcelona (Spain) - Trakia (Bulgaria)
Swansea (Wales) - Timisoara (Rom) or Lokomotiva Leipzig (East Ger)
Valerengens (Norway) - Legia (Poland)
Rostov (USSR) - Ankaraguecue (Turkey)
Vasas (Hungary) - Paralimni (Cyprus)
Ballymena (N.Ireland) - Roma (Italy)
Lausanne (Switzerland) - Kalmar (Sweden)
Jeunesse (Luxembourg) - Velez (Yugoslavia)
Standard Liege (Belgium) - Floriana (Malta)
Fram (Iceland) - Dundalk (Rep of Ireland)
Dukla Prague (Czech) - Glasgow Rangers (Scotland)
Vejle (Denmark) - Porto (Portugal)

UEFA CUP

Some interesting matches in the first round of the UEFA Cup involve British clubs. Ipswich, the UEFA Cup holder is to tackle Aberdeen of Scotland, while Dundee will have to face a very strong Monaco side.

Feyenoord versus Sombierki of Poland and Zenit Leningrad versus Dynamo Dresden are also interesting matches in the first round with the winner difficult to predict.

This is the list of matches in the first round:

Panathinaikos (Gr) - Arsenal (Eng)
Sliema Wanderers (Malta) - Aris Salonika (Gr)
Pitesti - Apoel Cyprus
Bohemians Prague (Cz) - Valencia (Sp)
Nantes (Fr) - Lokeren (Bel)
Videoton (Hon) - Rapid (Austria)
Neuchatel (Switz) - Sparta Prague (Czech)
Dinamo Tirana (Alb) - Carl Zeiss Jena (E.Ger)
Napoli (It) - Radnicki Nis (Yug)
Tatabanya (Hun) - Real Madrid (Sp)
Malmoe (Swe) - Wisla Cracow (Pol)
SV Hamburg (W.Ger) - Utrecht (Hol)
Limerick (Rep.Ire) - Southampton (Eng)
Sporting Lisbonne (Sp) - Red Boys (Lux)
Eindhoven (Hol) - Naestved (Den)
Atletico Madrid (Sp) - Boavista Porto (Por)
Grasshoppers (Switz) - West Bromwich (Eng)
Bordeaux (Fr) - Reykjavik Vikingur (Ice)
Feyenoord (Hol) - Szombierki (Pol)
Ipswich (Eng) - Aberdeen (Scot)
Wintersclag (Bel) - Bryne (Nor)
Zenith (USSR) - Dinamo Dresden (E.Ger)
Magdeburg (E.Ger) - Borussia M'bach (W.Ger)
Beveren (Bel) - Linfield (N.Ire)
Haka (Fin) - Goeteborg (Swe)
Monaco (Fr) - Dundee (Scot)
Spartak Moscow (USSR) - Brugge (Bel)
Kaiserslautern (W.Ger) - Akademik Sofia (Bul)
Inter Milan (It) - Adanaspor (Tur)
Hajduk (Yug) - Stuttgart (W.Ger)
Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) - Spartak Sofia (Bul)
CSCA Moscow (USSR) - Sturm Graz (Aust)

All matches scheduled for Sept 16 and 30

YANKS HUMBLE THE BRITISH

A few years ago North American Soccer was not on the map of the world.

Last week in New York, Cosmos and Seattle Sounders met two British clubs in tournament billed as the Trans-Atlantic Cup.

Cosmos, the defending champions, downed the Scottish champs, Celtic, by 2-0 with goals coming from Cesar Romero and Jeff Durgan. Seattle Sounders completed the clean sweep of the first round, defeating Southampton by 3-1.

Sounds crazy, but the scoreline could be read this way: USA 2 — BRITAIN 0.

Shakhtior Donetsk, the team which was supposed to take part in the Trans-Atlantic Cup in New York, withdrew from the tournament after objecting to a South African, Steve Wegerle, playing in the Cosmos side.

Donetsk was replaced by Celtic.

TWO PLAYERS SUSPENDED

As a result of being sent off in the Sweden v Northern Ireland World Cup elimination match, two players have been banned from their country's next three World Cup outings.

The players are Hasse Borg of Sweden and Terry Cochrane of Northern Ireland.

Cochrane, who plays on the wing for Middlesbrough, toured Australia with the Irish F.A. last year.

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Jairzinho, member of the Brazilian World Cup squad in 1970 has become the newest acquisition of the famous Botafogo club of Rio de Janeiro.

THE SAGA OF CRUYFF . . .

Johan Cruyff is in the news once again. Following his debacle with AC Milan, Cruyff landed with the Washington Diplomats and played only 25 minutes in his first outing.

He is still involved in a money wrangle with the Milan club. He was supposed to have been contracted to play in the "Intercontinental Cup" for AC Milan for a fee of $50,000.

However, the Dutch superstar played only for 45 minutes in the first round match against Feyenoord, for which AC Milan is prepared to pay some $12,500.

DUTCHMAN THIJSSEN PLAYS HARD TO GET

Holland's midfield gem, Frans Thijssen, is back in his native country and showing no signs of wanting to hurry back to England to re-sign for Ipswich Town.

Thijssen was voted "player of the year" by the English Football Writers Association and shortly after receiving his statuette, said he would remain at Ipswich for another two years.

However, Ipswich Town manager Bobby Robson wants the Dutchman to sign a new contract — because verbal agreements mean nothing. And big money clubs in Europe have been trying to sign Thijssen.

Robson will fly to Holland soon to get the player's signature.

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Zeljeznicar of Sarajevo appeared in the Yugoslavian Cup Final this year for the first time in their 60 years history.

After that long, long, wait, they lost to Velez Mostar!

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WORLD CUP UPDATE

COMPILED BY ALEX VESIC

Who will go to Spain in 1982?

So far only a handful of teams have made it amongst the 24 that will take part in the biggest World Cup Finals staged yet.

For those who might have missed the results in the qualifying tournaments around the world, ASW presents the complete list of tables:

EUROPE

Host of the Cup, Spain, is the only certain starter from Europe as the countdown nears its second and last phase come European autumn.

GROUP 1:

West Germany and Austria are almost certain to go from Group 1.

Austria hammered Finland 5:1 in Vienna and needs only one point from the remaining fixtures to ensure its travel to Spain alongside West Germany next year.

TABLE

1. AUSTRIA	6	5	0	1	15:3	10
2. WEST GERMANY	4	4	0	0	11:1	8
3. BULGARIA	5	3	0	2	9:3	6
4. ALBANIA	5	1	0	4	3:10	2
5. FINLAND	6	0	0	6	1:19	0

Remaining matches:
2 Sep: Finland — Albania
23 Sep: West Germany — Finland
14 Oct: Austria — West Germany
Albania — Bulgaria
2 Nov: West Germany — Bulgaria
11 Nov: Bulgaria — Austria
18 Nov: West Germany — Albania

GROUP 2:

Any of the top four teams in this group must have a fair chance of getting to Spain, although France and Belgium appear to have the edge.

TABLE

1. BELGIUM	6	4	0	2	10:6	9
2. REP OF IRELAND	6	3	1	2	12:7	7
3. FRANCE	4	3	0	1	12:3	6
4. HOLLAND	5	3	0	2	6:3	6
5. CYPRUS	7	0	0	7	4:25	0

Next games:
9 Sep: Holland — Rep of Ireland
Belgium — France
14 Oct: Holland — Belgium
Rep of Ireland — France
18 Nov: France — Holland
5 Dec: France — Cyprus

GROUP 3:

Three contenders only, but no certainties as yet. Wales, leading the group should get two more points against Iceland in Cardiff, but will travel to Prague and Moscow to complete its itinerary. USSR has three home games and two away games. With both games against Turkey yet to come, the Russians look able to get at least 12, possibly 13 points.

Czechoslovakia is on six points and still has Wales (at home), Iceland (away), and USSR (home and away) to play, which should net them 12 points. It may sound unreasonable, but Wales, despite a clear lead in the group could easily miss out on Spain '82.

TABLE

1. WALES	5	4	1	0	10:0	9
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA	4	3	0	1	9:2	6
3. USSR	3	2	1	0	7:1	5
4. ICELAND	5	1	0	4	5:18	2
5. TURKEY	5	0	0	5	1:11	0

Next games:
2 Sep: Iceland — Turkey
9 Sep: Czechoslovakia — Wales
23 Sep: USSR — Turkey
Iceland — Czechoslovakia
14 Oct: Wales — Iceland
17 Oct: Turkey — USSR
28 Oct: USSR — Czechoslovakia
28 Nov: USSR — Wales
30 Nov: Czechoslovakia — USSR

GROUP 4:

Hungary should beat Norway and Switzerland at home but must get at least one point from their two remaining away fixtures against England or Romania if they are to stand a chance of qualifying.

Romania with three games to play, Switzerland twice and Hungary at home appear to have the edge on the rest of the field and could easily finish with 12 points at the top of the table. England on the other hand must win both their remaining matches against Norway (away) and Hungary at Wembley to go to Spain.

TABLE

1. ENGLAND	6	3	1	2	11:6	7
2. ROMANIA	5	2	2	1	4:3	6
3. HUNGARY	4	2	1	1	6:6	5
4. SWITZERLAND	5	1	2	2	7:8	4
5. NORWAY	6	1	2	3	4:9	3

Next games:
23 Sep: Romania — Hungary
29 Sep: Norway — England
10 Oct: Romania — Switzerland
14 Oct: Hungary — Switzerland
31 Oct: Hungary — Norway
11 Nov: Switzerland — Romania
18 Nov: England — Hungary

GROUP 5:

Does Greece have a chance in this group ?

Assuming that Denmark does to Yugoslavia on September 9th what it did to Italy, there is no reason to dismiss the chances Greece still have of qualifying.

Italy should account for Luxembourg and Greece at home to make sure of their spot in Spain, while the Yugoslavs have to beat Luxumbourg and Denmark and get at least a point against Italy at home to accompany their neighbour to the World Cup.

TABLE

1. ITALY	5	4	0	1	9:3	8
2. YUGOSLAVIA	4	3	0	1	12:4	6
3. DENMARK	6	3	0	3	10:7	6
4. GREECE	5	3	0	2	6:7	6
5. LUXEMBOURG	6	0	0	6	1:17	0

Remaining matches:
9 Sep: Denmark — Yugoslavia
14 Oct: Greece — Denmark
17 Oct: Yugoslavia — Italy
14 Nov: Italy — Greece
21 Nov: Yugoslavia — Luxembourg
29 Nov: Greece — Yugoslavia
12 Dec: Italy — Luxembourg

GROUP 6:

Can Sweden surprise?

Despite their two wins which lifted them to the third spot on the table, it is very difficult to see them beating Scotland and Portugal away from home to put the pressure on the rest of the field.

In fact the race is still between Scotland, Portugal and Northern Ireland, with Scotland almost assured of the spot, while Portugal must win all three remaining fixutres to accompany them to Spain. Northern Ireland must beat Scotland and Israel at home to have any chance of qualifying.

TABLE

1. SCOTLAND	5	3	2	0	6:2	8
2. NORTHERN IRELAND	6	2	2	2	5:3	6
3. SWEDEN	6	2	2	2	5:5	6
4. PORTUGAL	5	2	1	2	4:4	5
5. ISRAEL	6	0	2	4	2:8	2

Remaining matches:
9 Sep: Scotland — Sweden
14 Oct: Portugal — Sweden
N. Ireland — Scotland
28 Oct: Israel — Portugal
18 Nov: N. Ireland — Israel
Portugal — Scotland

GROUP 7:

1. POLAND	2	2	0	0	3:0	4
2. EAST GERMANY	2	1	0	1	2:2	2
3. MALTA	2	0	0	2	1:4	0

Remaining matches:
10 Oct: East Germany — Poland
11 Nov: East Germany — Malta
15 Nov: Poland — Malta

CENTRAL/NORTH AMERICA

Two qualifiers will travel to Spain after the CONCACAF tournament involving the following countries:

CANADA	EL SALVADOR
MEXICO	CUBA
HONDURAS	HAITI

AFRICA

Two qualifiers will go to Spain following elimination matches between the following eight nations:

ALGERIA	NIGERIA
EGYPT	MOROCCO
NIGER.	GUYANA
ZAIRE	CAMEROON

SOUTH AMERICA

(Argentina has qualified as the holder of the World Cup.)

GROUP 1:

Venezuela — Brazil	1:2
Bolivia — Venezuela	3:0
Bolivia — Brazil	0:1
Venezuela — Bolivia	2:1
Brazil — Bolivia	3:0
Brazil — Venezuela	5:0

TABLE

1. BRAZIL	4	4	0	0	11:1	8
2. BOLIVIA	4	1	0	3	4:6	2
3. VENEZUELA	4	1	0	3	3:11	2

(Brazil qualified)

GROUP 2:

Uruguay is the early favourite in this group which is yet to have its qualifying tournament. Beginning on July 26, Uruguay, Peru and Colombia will contest this series to find South America's fourth team for the World Cup in Spain.

The following is the itinerary in this group:
26 Jul: Colombia — Peru
9 Aug: Uruguay — Colombia
16 Aug: Peru — Colombia
23 Aug: Uruguay — Peru
6 Sep: Peru — Uruguay
13 Sep: Colombia — Uruguay

GROUP 3:

Ecuador — Paraguay	1:0
Ecuador — Chile	1:1
Paraguay — Ecuador	3:1
Paraguay — Chile	0:1
Chile — Ecuador	2:0
Chile — Paraguay	3:0

TABLE

1. CHILE	4	3	1	0	7:1	7
2. ECUADOR	4	1	1	2	3:6	3
3. PARAGUAY	4	1	0	3	3:6	2

(Chile qualified)

ASIA AND OCEANIA

GROUP 1:

TABLE

1. NEW ZEALAND	7	5	2	0	18:3	12
2. AUSTRALIA	4	2	1	1	8:7	5
3. FIJI	3	1	1	1	2:5	3
4. TAIWAN	6	1	1	4	5:8	3
5. INDONESIA	6	1	1	4	1:11	3

To be played:

Fiji — Australia	Taiwan — Australia
Taiwan — Fiji	Indonesia — Australia
Indonesia — Fiji	Australia — Taiwan
Australia — Fiji	Fiji — Taiwan
New Zealand — Fiji	New Zealand — Taiwan

GROUP 2:

1. SAUDI ARABIA	4	4	0	0	5:0	8
2. IRAQ	4	3	0	1	5:2	6
3. QATAR	4	2	0	2	5:3	4
4. BAHRAIN	4	1	0	3	1:6	2
5. SYRIA	4	0	0	4	2:7	0

GROUP 3:

1. KUWAIT	3	3	0	0	14:1	6
2. SOUTH KOREA	3	2	0	1	8:5	4
3. MALAYSIA	2	0	0	2	1:6	0
4. THAILAND	2	0	0	2	0:11	0

GROUP 4:

1. CHINA	3	3	0	0	5:0	6
2. NORTH KOREA	3	2	1	0	6:2	5
3. JAPAN	3	2	0	1	4:1	4
4. HONG KONG	3	0	2	1	3:4	2
5. SINGAPORE	3	0	1	2	1:3	1
6. MACAO	3	0	0	3	0:9	0

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, China and most probably New Zealand will contest the final qualifying round for two places offered to Asia and Oceania in Spain.

The final list for Spain?

On paper these 24 countries seem destined for Spain:

SOUTH AMERICA: Brazil, Argentina, Chile, (All qualified) Uruguay.

EUROPE: West Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, USSR, Czechoslovakia, England, Romania, Italy, Yugoslavia, Scotland, Portugal, Poland and Spain (qualified as host).

ASIA AND OCEANIA: Kuwait and New Zealand.

AFRICA: Egypt and Zaire.

CONCACAF: Canada and Mexico.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

BRISBANE LIONS V SYDNEY SLICKERS
DATE: Sunday, July 26. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
GROUND: Richlands.
OFFICIALS: Referee - A. Rodway. Linesmen - A. Kibbler, D. Monteverde.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS V BRISBANE GLADIATORS
DATE: Sunday, July 26. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Gabbie Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - A. Boskovic. Linesmen - B. Fowler, W. Lord.

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS V ADELAIDE GIANTS
DATE: Sunday, July 26. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: International Sports Centre.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Nugent. Linesmen - R. Warren, R. Davies.

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS V PRESTON RAMS
DATE: Sunday, July 26. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Lambert Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Reeves. Linesmen - W. Jones, B. Ray.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES V STH MELB. GUNNERS
DATE: Sunday, July 26. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Wollongong Showground.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Rennie. Linesmen - G. Power, P. Wood.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES V CANBERRA ARROWS
DATE: Sunday, July 26. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Schintler Reserve.
OFFICIALS: Referee - E. Venios. Linesmen - J. Fearn, M. Gaut.

ADELAIDE HAWKS V SYDNEY OLYMPIANS
DATE: Sunday, July 26. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Rossis. Linesmen - K. Stokes, P. Smallman.

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS V MARCONI LEOPARDS
POSTPONED DUE TO NATIONAL TEAM COMMITMENTS

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NEXT WEEKEND'S PREVIEWS

WOLLONGONG V S. MELBOURNE

By Phil Murphy

Wollongong coach Ken Morton is far from convinced that South Melbourne is the best side in the PSL and hopes his team will back up his judgment at Wollongong Showground on Sunday.

In the first round, South Melbourne edged out the Wolves 1-0, bringing to an end the Wollongong team's unbeaten run.

Wollongong contained the South Melbourne attack most of the time in that game and Morton will employ similar tactics this time.

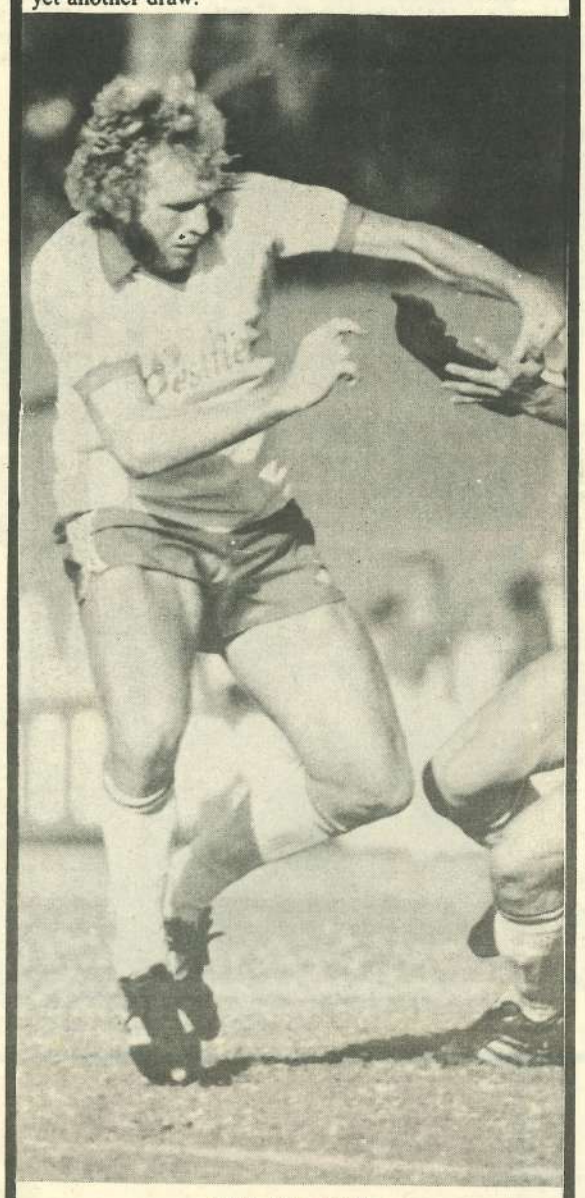
He has a stronger side at his disposal, with Arno Bertogna and Bill de Graaf having built up a good combination at the back.

Captain Chris Dunleavy has been playing midfield or left-back with equal success and the side generally looks a lot more balanced these days.

The visitors will have plenty of talent in their line-up. Kiwi international Steve Wooddin will be a big attraction for the Wollongong fans.

South Melbourne will start as favourites.

Wollongong players would love to pick up two points in front of their supporters, but the game could finish in yet another draw.



BILL DE GRAAF

NEWCASTLE V ADELAIDE CITY

By Ian Smith

What an interesting match this promises to be! The relative position of the sides on the points table would indicate that anyway, but they also happen to be the most attack-oriented sides in the League.

I have to admit to a Raiders bias since Ray Baartz recognised the necessity of a distributor. After all, your car won't start without one so how can your attack ignite without one?

That will be the key ingredient in what I see as a win for the home side.

It will not be one sided though. The brothers Nyskohus in the Giants side always seem to make the most of their appearances at the Newcastle Sports Centre.

I can recall John sticking one in the net when their side went down 3-1 last year. Times have changed since then, as they have since KB's 1-4 dumping in the first round.

Newcastle were on a downslide then and the Giants commencing a great run.

Are things turning the full cycle?

Some journalists have suggested as much and one must concede that cracks have recently shown up in the visitors' armour.

Probably enough weakness to allow KB's march upwards, though I can see something like a 3-2 scoreline.

ADELAIDE HAWKS V SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

By Tom McKain

Hawks will beat Olympians at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday — by how much is the only question.

That's how confident the home camp is as they scramble out of the relegation cellar.

Coach Peter Jaksa is now almost ready to admit he thinks his side will be invincible at home.

And he has talent to spare.

The arrival of English import Colin Gregson has added yet another dimension to the midfield, as Jaksa also has big Robert Marwe, the midfielder or striker signed from State League team Croatia.

Although Peter Kowalski, the powerhouse striker, is still recovering from his appendix operation, Aldo Lorenzoni, who shattered Marconi with two goals in his first full-game debut, will make it hard for the strong-man to get his place back.

Jaksa also has Youth squad defender Ian McKie to come back, plus Tim Brown, Steve Atsalas, Tom Totsikos, and George Koulianos all capable of coming into the line-up from the young reserve side.

Olympians appear to have lost some of their magic since the departure of Tommy Docherty, but it is presumed they will still attack.

However, Hawks' Manecas and Vic Smythe, along with Lorenzoni, are in fine touch, as is Graham Honeyman in midfield.

Jaksa has predicted a goal avalanche before the end of the season — it could be this weekend.

FOOTSCRAY V CANBERRA ARROWS

By Greg Blake

Footscray, conquerors of Sydney City, Leichhardt, Brisbane City and one or two others will add another scalp to their belt by winning next Sunday at home to Canberra Arrows.

The Arrows will not fall because they are an "easy" side; rather they will find the same obstacles as Sydney City and the rest found and won't overcome them.

It is the tricky, tight, home ground surface which, to make matters worse, is subject to a nasty cross-breeze.

The Footscray defence, built around strong-men Kondarios, O'Reilly and Kyriakouleas gives very little away at home.

Most important is the fact that the Eagles are beginning to play with something unknown till a few weeks ago down Footscray way.

It's called confidence and it allows them to take the game to opponents by really pushing the ball about in their own particular style.

I hasten to say that the visiting Arrows side — one of the most exciting to watch in the Philips League — could provide patrons at Footscray with one of their best fixtures of the season.

My verdict: Footscray to hold Tony Brennan and Co and continue their good run with another victory.

JIM McLEAN

BRISBANE LIONS V SYDNEY SLICKERS

By Wally Bruce

The Sydney Slickers face up to possibly their most important match of the season when they tackle Brisbane Lions at Richlands on Sunday.

The Slickers must keep winning to stay in front in the PSL title race and the Lions obviously pose a very real threat to that aim.

Of the other title contenders, South Melbourne, Adelaide City and Canberra Arrows have all been beaten at Richlands, and Leichhardt escaped with a fortunate point.

The Slickers are the last of the big guns Lions will be aiming to claw and have added impetus in the memory of their two meetings against Eddie Thomson's men last season.

Lions won 2-0 in the League, then shortly after repeated the result to reach the semi-finals of the Philips Cup.

ASW's Greg Blake recently described Lions back four as "unequalled in the League."

And the Slickers can expect to see a midfield of Hogg, Ferris and McLean backing a front line of Low, Daunt and Williamson.

The Slickers may have a few more intricate skills in Boden, Watson and Souness but they will be doing very well to take home the two points.

LEICHHARDT V PRESTON

By John Field

An important match — for both teams. Leichhardt have to keep winning if they are to make a serious challenge for the Philips League premiership. Preston also need to grab a few victories if they are to survive their debut season in the national competition.

Basing a forecast purely on the form of the teams, it should be two points for the Sydney side — particularly as they will be playing on their tight little Lambert Park ground. The problems of coping with the small pitch have upset many an opposing team over the years.

Those problems should handicap both teams to the same extent but of course Leichhardt are well used to Lambert Park while it is virgin territory for Preston.

To be frank, Willie Wallace's men have the talent to beat Preston nine times out of 10 regardless of where the match is played. Their defence is powerful with Peter Wilson and Mark Pullen blocking up the middle and if anything gets past them, there is always Socceroo goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse as back stop.

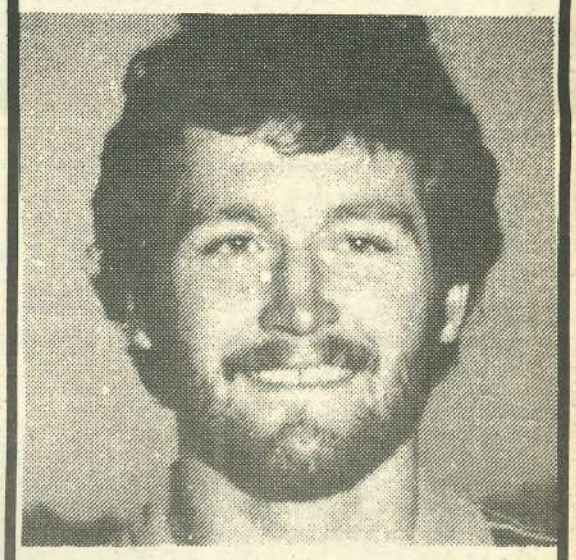
Terry Butler's recovery from a long injury lay-off has also made a difference to the midfield — even if he is not quite back to his best.

I find it hard to get enthusiastic about the Preston line-up. Recent signings have obviously strengthened the side but is it strong enough ?

On a recent visit to Sydney to play struggling Blacktown, the Preston team was given a roasting by critics although to be fair, Blacktown copped a similar roasting !

Spectators at Lambert Park next Sunday will certainly be expecting something much better than that. Perhaps Leichhardt and Preston will rise to the occasion.

As I said, both teams have plenty at stake.



MARK PULLEN

BLACKTOWN V BRISBANE CITY

By Keith Gilmour

The Gladiators' away record is so ordinary that one is left wondering how they held such a high position on the League ladder for so long.

Yet they have points on the board and George Potter nursed his team well through the early period, when weaknesses were very obvious, to the present stage of respectability.

For this game escapee Paul Wilkinson returns to his former home at Blacktown, and there is no doubt that he will be there to put on a sterling show.

Blacktown are in the position of having to fight for every point, let alone two, and come what may they will not budge an inch in their endeavours.

Their chances of a comeback must rest largely on the newly-arrived shoulders of Branislav Krstic, who gained a good reputation with German clubs such as Nurnberg and Villengen.

Krstic has the ability to turn chances into goals, and these could increase as his fitness increases,

On their day the Brisbanites show a deal or flair as distinct to the Demons' honest effort. They have one of the best defensive records in the PSL, and this must count in their favour.

Martin Coe improves with age and he has not received the credit he deserves for so many excellent performances this year.

John McVeigh's arrival has aided the attack, as he reads situations very well and combines in with Wilkinson and Joe Palinkas.

A lot of honest sweat will come out in this encounter, with the possibilities being more likely a draw, or, less likely, a win for the visiting side.

MATCH REPORTS

ARROWS HIT BY BLITZ!

By Steve Burns

A fantastic second half goal blitz saw relegation-threatened Heidelberg serve Canberra its worst ever home defeat with a crushing 5-1 victory in Canberra on Sunday.

It was an incredible game.

The classic one of two halves, the first Canberra's by a mile and the second Heidelberg's by a marathon.

Canberra made every defensive mistake in the book to hand Heidelberg the game on a platter.

The first came less than 60 seconds into the second half and it allowed big, blond Socceroo striker, Gary Cole, to lift Heidelberg off their knees and back into the game.

John Yzendoorn floated over a well-placed free kick that none of Canberra's defenders reached and Cole was able to run on to the ball and glide it past Canberra's goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski, as Hoszowski moved out quickly to narrow the angle.

From then on, Heidelberg found the form that all season has deserted them.

Canberra, in contrast, dropped its bundle after dominating the first half.

After 45 minutes Canberra led 1-0 through a 17th minute Ian Purdie goal and looked set for victory.

Heidelberg had been totally eclipsed and only resolute defence enabled them to keep the scoreline at 1-0.

However, far too often with Canberra having made the break they allowed themselves to be caught in a situation of having at best a two-man forward line to convert attacks into goals.

That just isn't good enough.

But full marks to Heidelberg.

Like Canberra they were troubled by injuries to key players like Jimmy Rooney and Charlie Yankos but showed great fighting spirit.

Coach, Len McKendry, was delighted and summed up the game honestly when he said: "Canberra ran us ragged in the first 45 minutes but we lifted our game in the second half.

"Cole's early equaliser helped and from then onwards we put everything together as a team."

By comparison, Canberra's coach, George Murray, had nothing to be happy about.

Key man, Terry Byrne, suffered two bad knocks and was replaced in the second half; Robert O'Shea was on the bench with a broken toe and Canberra had been crushed in a game they were odds-on favourites to win.

"Canberra must learn the lessons of the last man not trying to beat an attacker but clearing immediately and defenders correctly positioning themselves behind forwards," Murray said.

"They are basic mistakes but we made them so often in the second half."

However, one also has to give top marks to Heidelberg players John Yzendoorn and Charlie Yankos for big defensive games and Gary Cole and Jamie Paton for their games in attack.

It was Cole who did the damage in the 58th minute to push Heidelberg in front for the first time.

Then came Canberra's collapse and goals by Jamie Paton (2) and the fifth right on the final whistle by Tommy Taveski with a 30-metre pile driver.

Yet one couldn't blame Canberra's goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski, for any of the goals.

Without his brilliance it could have been six or seven. That's how much Heidelberg dominated the second half.

From Canberra's point of view hopefully they have learned the lessons enunciated by Murray.

Heidelberg, perhaps, have found the form that last year saw them easily win the Grand Final with a crushing defeat of present PSL front-runners, Sydney Slickers.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, M.O'Shea, Williams, Cole, J.O'Shea, Byrne (Massa 70), Moutsopoulos, Gibson (Valeri 62), Purdie, Brennan, McLaren.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan, Yzendoorn, Selemidis, Rooney, Yankos, Campbell, Provan, Paton, Cole, Tasevski.

REFEREE: T.Boskovic.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Canberra: Hoszowski 3. Heidelberg: McMillan 3.

ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL TROPHY

ASW correspondents at Philips League matches have been strictly briefed on the allocation of "man of the match" points.

This is how the system works:

5 pts. Magnificent match-winning performance.

4 pts. Outstanding, brilliant.

3 pts. Great display.

2 pts. Very good.

1 pt. Good game, best player in the team.

In other words, a player has to be really exceptional to be given four points — and almost a miracle man to collect five.

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EVANS — WOODDIN

BY PETER GEORGIOU

"Somebody is going to pay for our bad luck in scoring very soon," Souths' coach, John Margaritis, said three weeks ago.

Yesterday, the team which paid for that bad luck was Leichhardt.

A hat-trick by former Liverpool ace, Alun Evans, and a goal by Kiwi Steve Wooddin left Leichhardt with bitter memories from Middle Park as they went down 4-1 to the Gunners.

The game was all South Melbourne. After feeling out their opponents the Gunners started to move very dangerously as their two midfielders Shirra and Stevenson took absolute control in the centre while Steve Blair and Arthur Xanthopoulos made sure that Phil O'Connor and Eddie Zaccomer were out of the game:in fact O'Connor was replaced by Morsello after half time.

Leichhardt were really nowhere in the game despite some efforts by Bradley. They started responding with rough tackling which often was overlooked by Mr Mellings. In fact, it could have been a penalty just before the opening goal, in the 28th minute when Pullen dropped Evans in the box as he was moving in with the ball.

However, the former Liverpool star managed to push the ball to Wooddin to open the score from close range.

It was panic stations for Leichhardt that resulted in the second goal a minute later, which was the start of Evans' hat-trick. Shirra had crossed the ball from the right to Buljevic who ducked leaving it for Evans who, pushed yet again to the ground by Pullen,

BRANKO BULJEVIC SHOOTS PAST C

IT WAS A GIANT OFFSIDE TRAP!

By Tom McKain

Rale Rasic returned to Olympic Sports Field and triumphed last Sunday when he tortured his former charges to pull off a 0-0 draw for his Blacktown Demons over the frustrated Adelaide Giants.

The home team had expected the visitors to come looking for a draw and yet it appeared as if they were taken by surprise when the Demons did everything but try to score.

They employed a blatant offside trap to perfection — it worked seven times in the first half and nine in the second as Giants looked set to score.

Apart from the trap, Rasic's men teased and taunted the Giants for the full 90 minutes by passing the ball back as often as possible to goalkeeper, Bruce James.

They also used delaying tactics at throw-ins and free kicks and when James had to clear the ball.

When a player went down injured they also attempted to make sure their trainer had to be called on.

However, they abandoned this ploy when Blacktown's trainer was booked by SA referee, Bob Kerr, for wasting time.

Giants did everything they could in an effort to score, running at the Demons, chipping in long balls, and through balls, but nothing worked.

Socceroo striker, David Mitchell, appeared to have set up Charlie Villani in the first half, but his low turning shot went across the goalmouth and missed.

In the second period guest star Justin Fashanu hit the the cross bar with a header, and when Bobby Russell got the rebound low down with his head the ball was scrambled off the line.

The Demons concentrated on defensive tactics and cared little about attacking.

They got their first corner in the 50th minute and had only three during the whole match.

Their first real chance to score was in the 73rd minute when Stuart Selvage cut in from the left and hit a rising shot into the side netting.

Rasic was abused by home fans during the match, and his team was booed off the field at half-time and at the final whistle.

However, while those tactics turned the game into a non-event, Giants must take some of the blame for not being able to beat the offside trap, or accept the few chances which came their way.

One surprising feature of the game was the home team's inability to use the offside ploy themselves, a tactic they had learned to perfection from Rasic.

Against the Demons they repeatedly back-peddled which let the visiting front-runners, Brian O'Donnell and Paul Burrows, in particular, get into the box.

However, over the whole piece it was a dismal day for Giants and import Fashanu who became more frustrated than his lesser-light team mates and was lucky not to be booked by Kerr who, apart from the trainer, booked Ricky Hormazabal.

Even the one point did something for Giants, lifting them into third place which they now share with Leichhardt although it put them five behind leaders Sydney Slickers and three adrift of South Melbourne's Gunners who are in second place with a game in hand.

ADELAIDE GIANTS: Trzybylski, Russell, B.Nyskohus, Melta, Jones, Villani, Fashanu, Miller (Northcote 70), Marocchi, J.Nyskohus, Mitchell.

BLACKTOWN: Bruce, Wheatley, Kristic, Rassmussen, Pointer, Selvage, Djordjevic, Hormazabal, Turner (Jones 45), O'Donnell, Burrows.

REFEREE: B Kerr (SA). Crowd: 4,250.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Giants: B.Nyskohus 4. Demons: Djordjevic 2.

ALLAN MAHER PUNCHES CLEAR FOR MARCONI AGAINST SYDNEY OLYMPIC.

MARCONI BY

By Keith

What appeared certain to become a Marconi nightmare as Sydney Olympic an ordinary match into a worthwhile e

The score finished at 2-1, but towards the end of the second half the crowd of 7,000 saw Roy Cotton just fail to reach an inviting left-wing cross on the far post and Ken Wilson hooked his shot just wide of goal.

There is no question that the anchor of the Marconi defence in the danger period was Berti Mariani. He was dominant in the air and used the ball to good advantage throughout.

Marconi made the first real sortie, only to see Peter Sharne's shot splendidly turned around the post by young Peter Wilson.

Marconi continued to drive forward, but their shooting power was missing once again, so much so that Tony Henderson was enticed into letting a tremendous drive go from well out in the paddock.

On the stroke of 30 minutes, Marconi were in thanks to a well-judged Stuart Johnston ball which he tucked neatly under Peter Wilson.

The build-up saw Mariani and Sharne well involved, with Peter Katholos failing to move the ball out of danger.

Towards the end of the half, Hunter almost turned a ball into goal while on the ground, and Sharne hit the upright with what would have been an unstoppable drive.

Katholos just missed with a free kick as the half ended.

Mark Jankovics scored in the 54th minute. Ken Wilson had leaned on Jankovics as he entered the box and was awarded an indirect free kick.

Eddie Krncevic tried to cannon one in from the cushion, and that cushion as luck would have it ended up as Mark

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SINK LEICHHARDT

slammed it into the net.

Souths were now all over Leichhardt and five minutes before half-time the scoreboard was changed to 3-0 for the home team. The evergreen Buljevic, after receiving a pass from Bannon, fired a shot towards Woodhouse and as the national goalkeeper went for the ball, Evans, having Pullen on his back, changed its direction to the net.

Always on the lookout for more goals South Melbourne came close in 43 minutes with Wooddin but Woodhouse managed to clear the danger with his feet.

A last-minute heart-stopper was the attempt by Bannon to turn the ball to Laumets from 30 yards.

Gray intercepted and stole the ball but his shot went wide.

With three goals up it looked curtains for Leichhardt but Evans was determined to get his hat-trick and he did just that with a superb header in the 65th minute when Wooddin crossed the ball to him from the far right.

A few minutes earlier Jim Shirra sent his fans screaming in disappointment when he kicked the ball an inch wide from the post at a distance less than two metres.

Being content with four goals, Souths' defenders eased up a bit and that was enough for Zaccomer to reduce the score to 4-1 with a header in the last quarter.

In that final spell, referee Mellings remembered that he had a yellow card in his pocket and he showed it four times within eight minutes to Butler, Davidson, Soper and Evans who,received his third card so will miss the next game.

After the match Souths' coach Margaritis was pleased that his team's luck in scoring goals had changed, and very pleased with the performance of his players. However, he wasn't too happy with the yellow card which Evans received which will keep the player out in the crucial game away from home against Wollongong.

"I don't think Alun deserved a yellow card. Without him and without Davidson and Blair who are called in the national team, I won't have a full team in the match against Wollongong," he said.

Best players from South were Evans, Buljevic and Blair while the rest of the players also did well. From Leichhardt only Bradley really stood out.

STH MELBOURNE : Laumets, V Bannon, Davidson, Xanthopoulos, Blair, Rogers, Shirra (Campbell 74), Stevenson, Evans, Buljevic, Wooddin.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Pullen, McAusland, Wilson, Hughes, Bradley, Gray, Butler, Soper, Zaccomer, P O'Connor (Morsello 46).

REFEREE: S Mellings. Crowd: 6,000.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Sth Melbourne: Evans 4. Leichhardt: Bradley 1.

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AT LAST — A WOLVES WIN

By Phil Murphy

The end of the drought came as a welcome relief for Wollongong City supporters when the Wolves downed West Adelaide Hawks 2-1 at Wollongong Showground on Sunday.

The long-suffering Wollongong supporters had waited 19 weeks for a home win — most having forgotten the 2-1 success over Footscray back on March 1.

Ironically, it was a game Wollongong should have won by five goals but also they may easily have had to be content with a point.

It would have been yet another draw had West Adelaide replacement, Robert Marwe, connected with a Graham Honeyman cross in the last minute when he had the goal at his mercy.

Wollongong made hard work of their win and after dominating the first half went off at the interval with the game scoreless.

At this stage Adelaide goalkeeper, Martyn Crook, had been the busiest man on the field as Wollongong rained in shots from all angles while at the other end, Natch Vardareff may as well have stayed home in bed.

Wollongong did get the ball into the net before half-time when Jeff Ainsworth headed in a John Fleming free kick but another player was on the line in an offside position.

Clive Campbell put Wollongong ahead after 49 minutes when he floated a shot out of the reach of Crook just under the crossbar.

The shocked Wollongong supporters could only watch in disbelief as the Hawks drew level three minutes later.

It was a shocking mix-up at the back between Ainsworth and Vardareff and Victor Smythe had an easy task to put the ball home.

The winner came after good control by John Lathan on the right side and his well-placed cross was punched clear by Crook.

The clearance didn't go very far and striker, Glenn Fontana, was there to head it back into the net.

In the last 10 minutes West Adelaide showed some fire up front but this was when Wolves captain, Chris Dunleavy, came into his own.

He won some very important tackles in midfield in this period capping a strong all-round performance while Arno Bertogna, Fontana and Lathan also played well for the winners.

Honeyman was the pick of the West Adelaide side but he was closely pressed by goalkeeper Crook.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Fleming, Bertogna, De Graaf, Ainsworth, Lathan, Adam, Tredinnick, Campbell, Fontana (Kay 82), Dunleavy.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, Forde, Bozanic, Manecas, Honeyman, McGregor, Lorenzoni (Marwe 69), Brown, Kambas, Maricic, Smythe.

REFEREE: H Witschge.

CROWD: 4,360.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Wollongong: Dunleavy 3. West Adelaide: Honeyman 2.

SO EASY FOR SLICKERS

By Alex Vesic

Sydney City never moved out of second gear to defeat Footscray by three goals to nil at the Athletic Field and keep the top spot in the PSL.

Willie Murray and Joe Watson proved troublesome for the visitors as they waltzed around Footscray's full-backs with ease to send in numerous crosses, which fortunately for the Eagles seldom found a City player to put it into the net.

After only 10 minutes of the first half, Willie Murray "walked" around Kakantonis before crossing low for Joe Watson to send a low left foot shot wide of Dennis Boland for the opening goal.

Bruno Cozzella missed an opportunity for the visitors with 18 minutes of the game gone, but Kenny Boden 're-plied' at the other end to send the ball over the bar with Boland beaten.

Footscray came back into the game in the second half and looked dangerous when counter-attacking, with Lujic and Cozzella prominent. However, the visitors failed to produce a goal scoring opportunity and most of their attacks finished around the edge of the penalty area.

At the other end the Slickers appeared to be far more positive and always looked capable of scoring. Murray Barnes header was superbly saved by Boland :then Boden and Patikas came close to threatening Boland in quick succession.

But the luck did not hold out for the visitors as Spanos's shot was partly blocked by O'Reilly and Boden accepted the gift to beat Boland from close range in the 70th minute.

With nine minutes remaining, Murray Barnes picked up a rebound to slam it back towards goal and Boland was beaten, yet again, after a deflection inside the penalty area.

Points were in the bag and Eddie Thomson the Slickers coach replaced Joe Watson and John Spanos with Grant Lee and Gerardo Gomez, giving his players a few minutes on the park.

Watson and Murray were the best players for the winners, while Footscray had their best in hard-working midfielder Slobodan Jovanovic and usually reliable Dennis Boland.

TEAMS:
SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Cant,Robertson, O'Connor, Bruce, Patikas, Watson(Lee 83'), Spanos-,(Gomez 85),Barnes, Boden, Murray.
FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Kakantonis, Belic, Jovanovic, Ilioski, Verweij (Kyrikouleas 63'), Cozzella, Lujic.
REFEREE: Ken Allen
MAN OF THE MATCH :

Willie Murray (Sydney City) 3.
S. Jovanovic (Footscray) 2

A WHISKER

Gilmour

unaway Marconi victory changed into a trode forward in the second half to turn counter at Marconi Stadium.

Jankovics' thigh.

But Olympic coach Doug Collins' plans were taking effect.

After holding back in the first-half, he unleashed his young side at the Marconi team, which contained eight internationals and the results were devastating.

Maher had to make a point-blank save from Tommy Gavin before he was replaced by Townson, and then in the 72nd minute, Katholos accepted Cotton's first-time pass to score with a brilliant high shot.

The pressure was intense on Marconi, but they managed to hold out for a 2-1 result.

Raul Blanco had to replace Ian Hunter, but he confirmed afterwards that he had no more trouble than a pinched nerve.

Referee Gary Power, after handing out eight cards on the Wednesday night in the Blacktown-Sydney City game, kept his hand out of his pocket.

Even allowing that it was an open match, he did little for the big crowd to complain about.

MARCONI: Maher, Brogan, Degney, Henderson, Jankovics, Byrne, Sharne, Johnston (Picioane 83m), Krncevic, Mariani, Hunter (Housseini 52m).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson, Moulis, Scott, Raskopoulos, Rowden, Wilson, Laing, Gavin (Townson 62m), Cotton, Katholos, Jennings.

Referee: G. Power.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Marconi — Mariani 3. Olympic — Jennings 3.

PRESTON RAMS KB WHERE IT HURTS

By Greg Blake

When Preston coach, Peter Ollerton, returns from suspension, and should Robbie Cullen decide to end his self-imposed exile, neither are guaranteed a place in the Rams side on the team's showing against Newcastle.

Preston, sporting a dazzling new all-white strip, cast aside a 12-match horror stretch to bring the high-flying Newcastle Raiders back to earth with a 3-1 victory.

With an ounce of luck it could have been more but with their last victory away back on April 18, nobody at Preston was complaining.

The Raiders, supposedly the boom team of recent weeks, failed to live up to their reputation after taking the lead within 11 minutes of the start.

Graham Heys, given a paddock to work in, controlled Steve Sumner's cross from the right, turned and hammered his shot wide of a despairing Richard Wilson.

And that was the last time Newcastle threatened to take control.

It was the most convincing victory by a Melbourne side I've seen for some time.

They hammered the Novocastrians for much of the first half and turned to control the second.

The Rams, fuelled by the sometimes brilliant Isaac Farrell and grafting Peter Boyle, enforced by Mike Rainey, George McMillan and Ljube Petrovski, and inspired by fast breaking forwards, Alan Whittle, Doug Brown and Claude Lucceshi gave their all.

The unity and spirit Ollerton is trying to instil seems to be becoming a reality.

However, the story may have been different had Lucceshi not made Preston's domination see fruition with an equaliser one minute into injury time of the first half.

A dubious handball decision outside the area resulted in a Farrell cross careering from Lucceshi's head past the outstretched right hand of Phil Dando.

Just reward for five or six spurned chances that Preston had had.

The Raiders met a couple of real raiders in Brown and Lucchesi who both gratefully lapped up some fine service.

Five minutes after the interval Farrell sent a glorious 35-metre ball into the path of Brown who sent a pile-driving left-footer bulging into the back of the net.

The control was there, but so too was the brash, cocky, confidence of the Preston side some three months ago.

With 15 minutes remaining a Lucceshi cross was sweetly back-heeled by Whittle into Flavelle's path who made it 3-1 from close range.

Newcastle, a side I looked forward to seeing, were rarely in the match and hardly an inspiring side.

PRESTON: Wilson, Beech, Petrovski, McMillan, Rainey, Boyle, Flavelle, Farrell, Brown, Lucceshi, Whittle.

NEWCASTLE: Dando, Tredinnick, Drinkwater, Mason, Curran, Jones, Sumner, Senkalski, Heys (Stamp 79), Mountford, Kamasz.

Referee: J Fearn. Crowd: 3,059.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Preston: Rainey 3. Newcastle: Sumner 2.

MIGHTY EFFORT FROM WISHART

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane City lived up to their Gladiator tag to rise from the despair of two successive losses to clinch a "get square" 1-0 win over Brisbane Lions, erasing the memory of their first round defeat by the same margin.

Lions started favourites, chiefly through their great run, which reached nine matches without defeat under coach Joe Gilroy.

But what City coach George Potter possibly was banking on was that the Gladiators have often performed better under adverse conditions — and they were there in this match.

Absence through suspension of Frank Pimblett and David Vincenzino and the loss of keeper Martin Coe during the week with two broken fingers from a training mishap, would have been enough to kill any team's confidence.

But the substitution saved the day. Kim Wishart played in his first PSL match this year to produce a mighty effort in Coe's absence.

Only Billy Williamson looked the part up front for Lions in this match, twice panicking the defence with precision crosses from impossible situations and once sending Steve Hogg into the clear with a perceptive through ball, which the midfielder hammered a fraction wide.

Kelso, as usual, made his share of mistakes, copping the normal amount of "stick" in the process but he caused more than enough trouble through his aggression.

Sydney referee Tim Davies took the rare step of booking only one player in the local derby, and it was Jim Hermiston at that.

Hermiston decided to give as good as he got and was warned for a couple of fouls: but even though his late tackle on Willie Conner looked legitimate, referee Davies felt he would wait no longer.

The yellow card was flashed — from memory only Hermiston's second in five seasons.

Just after Hermiston shook his head in disbelief, his feeling turned to one of despair when City made something positive out of the resultant free kick.

Billy Wilkinson swung it over and Paul Wilkinson, again surprisingly given too much leeway, headed low and hard into the corner at the far post.

Then in the 85th minute, Lions had the chance for an equaliser when Steve Perry was penalised for handball.

Hermiston (it was definitely not his match) took the spot kick and rammed it against the post. He drove in the rebound but was penalised as no other player had touched the ball.

The biggest Brisbane crowd of the season was provided with a little bit of everything for its money when a brief scuffle broke out just after the penalty went begging.

BRISBANE CITY — Wishart, Perry, Dunne, Ratcliffe, W. Wilkinson, Gaffney, McVeigh, Hamilton, Conner, P. Wilkinson, Kelso (Palinkas 82nd).

BRISBANE LIONS — Lownds (Scanlan 45th), Ontong, Hermiston, Bennett, Niven, Ferris, Hogg, Mclean, Low, Daunt (Wilson 75th), Williamson.

REFEREE — T. Davies.

MAN OF THE MATCH:

Bris.City — Wishart 5. Bris. Lions — Williamson 2.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of August 25, 1981, qualify for consideration for prizes of $150 for first, $100 for second and $50 for third. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final. Send your entries to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007.

Tasman Cup

MANLY & ENMORE EXCEL

Leichhardt PSL Youth team goalkeeper Robert Catlin was one of the players in the Manly Boys High team that has entered the Tasman Cup quarter finals.

Robert is also the NSW CHS goalkeeper.

Manly also field Ashley Parker and Peter Townsend. They come home 3-2 against Lithgow High at Lithgow.

Lithgow was unlucky not to have won the game with their bustling, physical style which upset the rhythm of the more skilful Manly boys.

Lithgow players Paul Pettinger, Trevor Barker, Allan Guinat, Graham Draper, Mark Davis and Michael Morgan are NSW representatives.

Manly next comes up against the winner of North Sydney and Canterbury.

The fighting spirit and teamwork of Enmore has carried them to the quarter-finals in a series of close results.

Their victims have been Hunters Hill 3-1, Dover Heights 2-0, James Ruse 2-1, Kingsgrove 3-2 and Baulkham Hills 2-0.

The James Ruse match went to extra time, but goals from Vlado Mickovski and Con Roditis of Enmore to one from James Ruse's Greg Bromley decided the issue.

Enmore have several players who are with State League clubs.

Their best includes Leon Gardikiotis, Seraf Kumsuz, Peter Lambropoulos and Andrew Papas.

Mickovski is a tireless worker in midfield and Jim Konistis has been very safe in goal.

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER

"I SALUTE BUNDABERG" says David Lee

The set-up of Soccer in Bundaberg leaves anything I have seen in New South Wales well behind.

So hide your head NSW. Do you really call yourself the No. 1 State?

Arrangements were made for me to conduct a fortnight's coaching in Bundaberg.

The first thing that impressed me was the enthusiasm.

I squeezed in amongst 1,000 cheering local fans at St Martin's Oval on a Saturday night to watch the Queensland Ampol Cup quarter-final between Bundaberg's Across the Waves and Wynnum-Manly.

The field was first class for State League, but what also impressed me was the seven other fields.

Varying from mini-fields for six-a-side non-competitive under sevens and eights to slightly larger fields for nines and tens, they really caught the eye.

The two main fields were adequately floodlit, and in the centre of the complex was the canteen and Director of Coaching's office.

There was a bar on the ground, and over the road a licensed club.

Over 1,000 players turn out on these grounds over the weekend, with matches commencing on the Friday night.

Actually, because of the graduated fields I believe it leaves everything available in NSW for dead, with the exception of the set-up at Wellington.

Thanks to the foresight of local official Bill Caniffe the players learn, from very little, on the small fields and graduate to larger fields as they grow older.

Fancy a district, made up of eight clubs, which is able to afford its own FULL-TIME director of coaching!

Bundaberg represents an area one-sixth that of Ku-ring-gai, Bankstown, Gladesville-Hornsby, etc!

The job is financed by the Queensland Soccer Federation, the Qld Dept of Sports & Recreation, Bundaberg Junior and Bundaberg Seniors.

Jim Selby, formerly in NSW, is the director, and he is one of three regional directors in the State.

Queensland as a whole has about one-quarter the number of players in NSW.

On that basis NSW should be able to afford 12 directors working full-time.

Do we have one director even?

Sponsorship for the senior club comes from the local brick-works, whilst the juniors are assisted by the local Ford dealer.

Jim is doing a top job. He is fully involved in schools, attending lectures amd radio interviews, advising representative team coaches, and in coaching the senior and the colts sides.

In school holidays over 150 boys attend to receive excellent coaching at $10 each.

All I can say is "Congratulations to Bundaberg and Queensland."

Parramatta City KO Cup
Wed. July 22 at Garside Park
6.15 p.m. Canterbury v Avala
7.30 p.m. Concord v Wilhelmina
8.30 p.m. Sydney Olympic v Blacktown City

YOUTH LEAGUE

GROUP 1

	U14	U15	U16
Gladesville v St George	0-3	1-1	0-4
Bankstown v Leichhardt	0-1	0-6	0-3
Blacktown City v Croatia	3-1	0-1	5-1
Illawarra v Baulkham Hills	2-0	2-1	4-2
Polonia v Southern & Eastern	0-2	1-1	0-5
Sydney Olympic v Melita	3-2	2-1	1-0

GROUP 2

	U14	U15	U16
Nepean v Ku-ring-gai	1-1	3-0	0-2
Central Coast v Avala	2-2	0-1	0-3
Marconi v Blacktown Assn.	1-1	7-1	3-1
Sutherland v Southern Dists.	0-0	1-0	1-0
Canterbury v Manly	3-0	2-5	3-3
Riverwood — bye			

POINT SCORE (including deferred matches palyed):

GROUP 1

U14: Sydney Olympic 37, Illawarra 32, Leichhardt 31, St George 29, Gladesville 26, Blacktown City 17, Melita 16, Bankstown 15, Polonia 14, Baulkham Hills 13, Southern & Eastern 12, Croatia 10.

U15: St George 38, Leichhardt 36, Illawarra 28, Croatia 27, Blacktown City 25, Gladesville 24, Baulkham Hills 18, Polonia 15, Sydney Olympic 13, Bankstown 13, Southern & Eastern 11, Melita 4.

U16: Leichhardt 36, Blacktown City 36, St George 30, Gladesville 25, Southern & Eastern 24, Sydney Olympic 24, Melita 19, Croatia 15, Bankstown 14, Illawarra 14, Polonia 10, Baulkham Hills 3.

GROUP 2

U14: Ku-ring-gai 37, Marconi 31, Manly 30, Blacktown Assn 24, Canterbury 24, Sutherland 24, Southern Dists 21, Nepean 19, Central Coast 19, Avala 12, Riverwood 9.

U15: Sutherland 38, Marconi 35, Canterbury 33, Manly 30, Nepean 25, Riverwood 21, Avala 20, Central Coast 18, Ku-ring-gai 17, Blacktown Assn 9, Southern Dists 0.

U16: Canterbury 38, Marconi 34, Sutherland 29, Manly 27, Southern Dists 26, Blacktown Assn 22, Ku-ring-gai 22, Riverwood 19, Avala 15, Nepean 11, Central Coast 7.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Round 11

	U10	U11	U12	U14
Ku-ring-gai v Central Coast	—	0-2	2-2	7-1
Gladesville v Bankstown	2-0	3-0	2-1	0-2
Nepean v Canterbury	2-1	0-3	5-2	3-1
Illawarra v S'tn & E'tn	0-0	2-0	3-0	0-2
Sutherland v Granville	—	0-1	0-2	2-1
St George v Blacktown	4-1	3-0	3-1	9-0
Manly - bye				

POINT SCORE:

U10: Nepean 13, Granville 12, Illawarra 12, Gladesville 8, Canterbury 8, Southern & Eastern 5, Bankstown 5, St George 5, Manly 2, Blacktown.

U11: Illawarra 20, St George 16, Canterbury 15, Gladesville 14, Granville 11, Nepean 10, Bankstown 8, Blacktown 8, Sutherland 7, Southern & Eastern 5, Central Coast 4, Manly 4, Ku-ring-gai 0.

U12: St George 17, Nepean 16, Granville 16, Illawarra 14, Gladesville 12, Canterbury 10, Bankstown 10, Southern & Eastern 9, Central Coast 6, Manly 5, Sutherland 5, Blacktown 1, Ku-ring-gai 1.

U13: St George 18, Sutherland 16, Canterbury 12, Ku-ring-gai 12, Illawarra 11, Granville 10, Southern & Eastern 9, Bankstown 9, Manly 9, Nepean 6, Gladesville 4, Blacktown 4, Central Coast 2.

Sunday, July 26
NSW Amateur Cup Finals
Punchbowl Oval
NSW Amateur Cup Final 2.30 p.m.
GWARLEY BAY V CANTERBURY
U21 Robertson Cup Final 12.30 p.m
WAHROONGA V TERREY HILLS
U18 State Cup Final 10.30 p.m.
DUNDAS UNITED V MANLY VALE

NSW METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chris Dimet (Ku-ring-gai) tries something a little unorthodox as Michael Stokes (Manly-Warringah) closes in to dispossess him, with eyes on the ball. Manly won this representative under 13 game at Asquith Park.

KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION
invites applications for the following positions for the 1982 season:
DIRECTOR OF COACHING
REPRESENTATIVE TEAM COACHES
U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16
Applications to R.A. Woods,
Hon. Secretary, 29 Yeramba St,
Turramurra NSW 2074
Tel. 44 7069
Applications closing 14.8.81 should include details of qualifications and experience.

DO IT THE LIVERPOOL WAY!

advises Craig Johnston

One of the most rewarding Soccer experiences I've had since coming home was the time spent training with junior sides.

What a revelation!

Some of these kids in the 11 to 14 years bracket showed amazing ball skills, on a par with anything I've seen from the same age group in England. That sort of skill comes out of hours and hours spent "making that round ball talk".

There is no other way to achieve skill other than practising at every opportunity. If a young player sees a Soccer ball as a toy like a yo-yo or any other gimmick item, he can learn how to use it to create a whole range of skills and tricks.

Unforunately, we see too many junior (and senior) coaches pushing the belief that hard slogging is some sort of substitute for skill. It isn't and never will be.

The simple fact is that footballers enjoy having a ball at their feet and this should be remembered throughout all facets of training.

At Liverpool Bill Shankly forged the tradition that the bulk of training should comprise five-a-side games with variables such as one touch per pass, two touch per pass and so on, varying the size of the playing area, being permitted to score only off headers or volleys, etc.

The training sessions introduce and cultivate some very important factors which can relate to success and entertainment on the park.

1. They sharpen skill and awareness and produce boys able to play with their heads up.
2. They are enjoyable, therefore the players participate with enthusiasm.
3. They bear a direct relation to the sort of problems, players face in a proper match.
4. They produce team unity and sharpen understanding between players.
5. They easily identify the more skilful and the harder working players.
6. They require a high work-rate and when played properly are ideal fitness sessions.
7. They involve all players at once.

Now, compare the above with some of the popular techniques I've seen lately. These include running young players around an oval without a ball in sight; having five players dribble up and down the park while the rest stand idle waiting for their turn; and spending time on a couple of players practising a set-play while the rest remain unoccupied.

No wonder so many drop out of the game.

Soccer was meant to entertain young players, not bore them senseless.

My other tip to junior coaches is to bring as many balls as possible to training. Players learn nothing if they don't get the feel of that ball.

In the last couple of weeks I've spoken to many junior players and their coaches. I find most of them very eager to learn and many are surprised to learn that coaching players for enjoyment and possibly success is not the big mystery some senior coaches make it out to be.

It's the coaches and the textbooks of meaningless tactics which stifle the game, particularly for young players.

Body balance and power are evident as Craig Johnston gets the ball away in this shot taken at the junior clinic held at Cromer Park, Manly.

— Photo Anthony Mobbs

PENNO SEEKING CHAMPIONSHIP

At the mid-point of the season, West Pennant Hills Sports Club is second in the club championship in Soccer competitions organised by Gladesville Hornsby Football Association.

West Penno fielded 22 Soccer teams with 10 of them occupying one of the top three spots of their respective competitions.

First are the Under 8-1, 8-4, 9-2 teams, second are the 8-6, 9-6, 9-7; and third the 10-6, 11-5, 12-3, 14-3.

Their success augurs well for the future of Soccer within the West Pennant Hills district.

With the second round of the competition now in full swing, West Penno is hopeful of continued success which will see a record number of teams finishing in top positions.

The Club also has a strong chance of taking out the 1981 Club Championship.

There are 22 clubs within the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association. The Soccer teams of West Pennant Hills Sports Club are sponsored by Hooker Rex.

C'BURY ASSOCIATION'S YOUTHFUL PRESIDENT

One of the most remarkable records in NSW amateur football is held by Ian Holmes, currently president of the Canterbury & District SFA.

Ian is president of the Association at 24 years of age, quite an achievement in itself.

But that is not half of the story — he was first elected president of Canterbury at 19, later became secretary, and is back as president again.

Handling affairs in Canterbury means controlling 4,700 players in 340 teams from Under 7 to seniors.

Canterbury Association covers the municipalities of Ashfield, Burwood, Concord, Drummoyne, Canterbury, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Strathfield, which includes the former Western Suburbs district in which Leichhardt PSL club could form something a deal bigger.

Ian Holmes started out in Soccer at eight for Canterbury Police-Citizens Boys Club.

It was administration that took a hold on him, and at 16 he gave up playing to put more time into promotion of the game.

These days Canterbury has one of the most widespread groups of differing ethnic backgrounds, so he and his executive are well versed in ethnic affairs.

He also puts in a deal of time with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation of which he is a vice-president.

He keeps fit by running youngsters.

As manager of the NSW U15 team last season he contributed towards their winning the Australian U15 championship without conceding a goal.

One of the great points in Soccer that has helped it to grow so splendidly in Sydney is the absence of voilence on the field of play, he believes.

It has helped to push his district along whilst other sports have to admit that they continue to lose in playing strength.

CUMBERLAND IN HUNT FOR N.D. CUP

Top Northern Districts Soccer will be on display at Englefield Stadium, Dural on Friday night, reports schools' organiser Phil Streatfield.

The three quarter finals are James Ruse v Malvina 5pm, Carlingford v Muirfield 6.15pm, Normanhurst v Epping at 8.30pm, whilst at 7.30pm the girls' match is Carlingford v Model Farms.

On Friday the Cumberland — Hunters Hill game kept the crowd on their toes, with Cumberland ultimately winning 3-1 with three John Miller goals.

Dominic Marabita and Bruce Baker shone for Cumberland also, whilst Hunters Hill goaled through Dennis Xenos and were particularly well served by Anthony Deagan and Darren Curry.

The win took Cumberland into the semi-finals.

In second round matches, Muirfield, with two Robert Moffatt goals and Greg Walker in form, eliminated a tough Knox College team 4-0.

Girraween unfortunately slipped back when star forward Sammy Lee was injured, and went down 3-0 to Carlingford, who had Ray Kellerman and Craig Brown on their scoring list.

SEND YOUR PHOTOS!

We want to print team photos and action shots of YOUR team, and we are vitally interested in EVERY grade of football in EVERY part of Australia. Please include full names, plus all story details.

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JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's Soccerskills in book form, it is available from:—

Queensland Newspapers, Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, 4006.

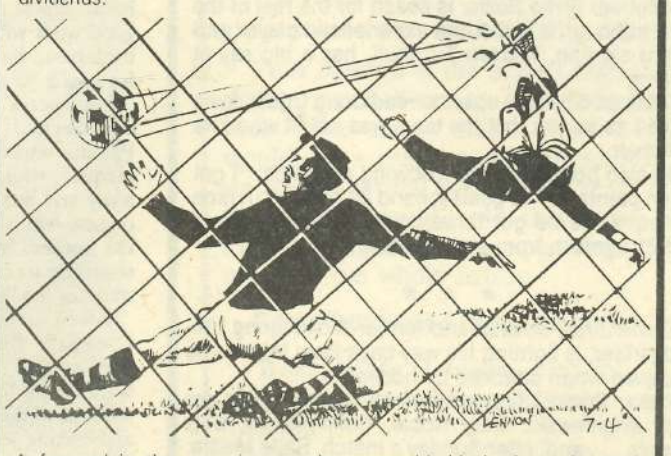
Send $3 for the book. This will also cover postal charges.

SOCCERSKILL

with JIM HERMISTON

TRICKSHOTS. Never rubbish players who practise so-called fancy kicks.

When it's a matter of getting the ball into the back of the net any sort of kick goes — and it's then that unusual kicks can pay dividends.



A forward in the opposing penalty area with his back to the goal might, for example, find the best way to try to score is with an overhead kick.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
ST GEORGE	21	19	2	0	81:8	40
CROATIA	21	18	3	0	61:16	39
MELITA	21	14	4	3	49:16	32
SUTHERLAND	20	10	4	6	28:18	24
POLONIA	19	9	3	7	24:28	21
INTER MONARO	20	8	4	8	29:37	20
CANTERBURY	21	6	6	9	31:40	18
RIVERWOOD	19	7	2	10	23:35	16
NORTH SYDNEY	21	5	5	11	26:43	15
MANLY	20	5	4	11	21:30	14
AUBURN	20	6	1	13	18:41	13
AVALA	20	4	4	12	22:45	12
PARRAMATTA	21	5	2	14	18:49	12
BANKSTOWN	20	3	2	15	23:47	8

TOP SCORERS

33. Marton (SG)
20. M.Silva(Cr)
16. Farrugia(ME)
13. Hensman(Cr)
12. R.Brown(CM), Heywood(IM), Allan(ME)
11. Barton(SG)
9. Morsello (NS)
8. Williams (CM), M.Kovacic (Cr)
7. Walker (SG)
6. Davies, Campbell (SG), Rootsey (B)
5. Griffiths (SG), Bulloch (R), Noble (IM), Roden (Par), Fox (Man), Wilson (NS), Martinez (ME)
4. Steven, Parker (Cr), Gilligan (B), Jack (Man), A.Budini (Pol)

NEXT GAMES

ROUND 22:

Saturday, July 25:

NORTH SYDNEY - SUTHERLAND	North Sydney Oval

Sunday, July 26:

CANTERBURY - CROATIA	Arlington Oval
POLONIA - RIVERWOOD	Chopin Park
AUBURN - MELITA	Mona Park
MANLY - AVALA	Cromer Park
ST GEORGE - BANKSTOWN	St George Stadium
INTER MONARO - PARRAMATTA	Marco Polo Oval

NSW SHOTS

Croatia are openly proud of the way they splash out on new players — "Croatia is the club that buys players" one official said. When questioned about a youth policy, he said the club has tried to develop one, but: "like all clubs, most boys give the game away at 16 and go and play rugby."

Two new players are on the way. One is an English centre-forward, Mark Holloway (25), whc comes on the recommendation of Peter Hensman. He has been playing for Moore Green, and is top scorer in the Midland Combination league.

Holloway has apparently attracted the attention of leading clubs West Bromwich and Aston Villa. He already has a clearance to play this year, and should arrive in two or three weeks time.

The other player, from Croatia, can't play this season, but should be a name to watch next year. He is Asim Mezbur (19), a left winger who is already in Australia, from the top Zeljeznicar Sarajevo club in Yugoslavia.

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After Doug Utjesenovic's departure, Kaz Kulak was approached to take over at Avala after being sacked from the coaching position two months earlier. Kulak went along to one training session, but differences between him and some committeemen would have hindered his work, so he turned the job down.

A former member of the club's management committee, Slvko Rosic, is coach for the rest of the year, although it is thought experienced player and recent signing, Warren Turnbull, has a big say at training.

Kulak said he was upset to read Doug Utjesenovic quoted as saying that the team was not fit when he took over.

He also pointed to the following statistics: "I got seven points, for 12 goals for and 20 against, in nine games, while he got three points, for seven goals and 21 against, from eight games."

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David Jirsa, Polonia and former Wollongong United striker, is fighting his way back from injuries he received when attacked by hooligans.

Other Polonia first graders on the injury list are Bob Wisniewski, Gary Noble, Colin Harris, Billy Zounis . . . and, after Sunday's match, Salle Maitre.

Polonia have had to fill their team with youngsters because of this, including forward Eddie Pahor, midfielder Ben Divani, who went to America for coaching from Pele in 1979 with Johnny Warren, and Karl Isherwood, who trained for three months with Arsenal and Aston Villa in England.

— BRAD EARL

CLASSY TEAM-WORK FROM CROATIA

CROATIA — POLONIA 5-2

H.Silva 2, M.Silva 2, Hensman
A.Budini, Lemanczyk

By Brad Earl

A total team effort in the last part of this entertaining seven-goal game was the highlight as Croatia powered their way to a 5-2 win.

After Polonia had equalised straight after half-time with a goal created almost out of nothing and seemed to be just holding on for a draw, Croatia came forward in a frenzy in the last half-hour.

It was the first time this year I have seen such a total team effort from the Croatian side, and the results speak for themselves.

If they maintain this sort of form through to the St George game in two weeks, they will give their top-of-the-table rivals a shock or two.

Polonia fought doggedly to hold their more illustrious opponents, and had taken the lead after only five minutes. Anito Budini broke away from a sleepy defence and shot past goalkeeper Steve Watson to score.

Hilton Silva evened things up in the 14th minute. Peter Hensman won the ball, raced down the right, and sent a hard cross along the face of the goal. Marcos Silva couldn't reach it in the centre, but his namesake Hilton was rocketing in on the left to tuck it away.

As the first half wore on, Croatia become more and more adventurous, and had claims for a penalty (for hand-ball) turned down.

With seconds to go to half-time, Peter Hensman got his name on the scoresheet when he finished off a superb movement from close in. After the ball had been worked just inside the box, Marijan Kovacic picked it up and cut the defence open with a delightful flick that landed well for Hensman to gather and score.

A great psychological boost to go in 2-1 up at the interval, but Polonia bounced back only two minutes into the second period when Stan Lemanczyk won the ball in the air from Croatia centre-back Bruno Vidaic and kept his head by lobbing Watson.

A minute later, Ricky Budini, Polonia's centre-back, almost destroyed the good work with a wayward back-pass, but fortunately for him it hit the upright.

Lemanczyk had a golden opportunity to push Polonia ahead in the 65rd minute when he broke away and was faced with a one-on-one situation with the keeper, but gave Watson time to come out and smother the ball at his feet.

Two minutes later, Croatia's final brilliant burst started. Nelio Borges worked the ball inside the left half of the penalty area and, taking his time, lifted it high for Marcos Silva to knock in from close in.

In the 33rd minute of the half, Hilton Silva scored a brilliant goal. Given the ball 35 metres out on the right side of the field, he unleashed a typical South American shot that powered its way into the far corner of the net.

Two minutes later, Hensman just sliced a shot wide of the far post. The Polonia defence was being caught very slow, and when they won the ball they had difficulty getting it forward.

Then near the end, Marcos Silva rounded off the scoring when he squeezed the ball into the top corner, just between the keeper and the post. The move was typical of Croatia's play: from a Hilton Silva corner, Borges gave it to Hensman who nodded on to Marcos Silva.

Every Croatia player did well — the forward-line was power-packed, supported superbly by the three midfielders, Borges, Marijan Kovacic and Tommy Steven, and the defence and goalkeeper were solid.

Croatia coach, Domagoj Kapitanovic, used Bobby Pagano at left-back for this match ("like St George," Kapitanovic said) as Lee Sterry has been out with a cartilige injury, and it was fortunate that Polonia didn't have a right winger.

Pagano, a forward player, has never played full-back in his career, and he said he was petrified, as one mistake in that position leads straight to goal.

For Polonia, goalkeeper Ziggy Kalinowski, sweeper Tony Galas and stopper Ricky Budini did well, but the number of inexperienced players disadvantaged them.

Hilton Silva

MELITA — NORTH SYDNEY 3-1

Jones, Martinez, Farrugia — **Bottalico**

After a lack-lustre first half, Melita came out and played superbly in the second period.

Alex Bottalico put Norths into the lead with a penalty after Tony Loxley was judged to have fouled a North Sydney player, but Terry Jones equalised before the half-time break.

Eagles' coach, Vic Dalgleish, said: "There was a blast in the dressing room at half-time and they came out and played some devastating football. We won a lot of decisive balls in midfield, and I think North Sydney only had three minutes out of the 45 in the second half."

Hector Martinez scored the second goal and Ray Farrugia netted from the penalty spot after Don Allan were fouled.

"Hector's goal was a beautiful move — it involved six Melita players," Dalgleish said. "Bob McPherson overlapped and crossed, two players dummied, and it came to Don Campbell on the other side. He could have shot himself, but he gave it back to Martinez who hit a tremendous shot."

Dalgleish introduced 16-year-old NSW rep player, Robert Gangi, 10 minutes from the end in place of Vernon Darvill, and he did very well at sweeper, with regular sweeper and another 16-year-old, Paul Daley, moving to central midfield.

Dalgleish also used centre-back Don Campbell in midfield in this game, and he said he played unbelievably well there.

SUTHERLAND — MANLY 1-0

P.Bush

A Paul Bush goal after quarter of an hour was enough to get Sutherland two points against Manly.

Manly tried hard to come back, and were well served by an effervescent midfield, but the Sharks held them at bay.

Paul Bush was the pick of the Sutherland side, with midfielder Craig Rogers putting in a lot of work.

"We played reasonably well. We created chances, particularly early on, but we couldn't finish them off, and in a way that's disappointing," Sutherland's coach John Watkiss said.

RIVERWOOD — AUBURN 1-2

McRorie — **Pondekas, Quigley**

After a very poor first half, with Auburn and Riverwood locked at 1-1, things livened up in the second session, with Auburn getting a winning goal midway through from midfielder Chris Quigley.

Chris Pondekas had scored their first after being well set up by fellow forward Jim Izatt, but Riverwood came back with a goal from young forward Jim McRorie.

"The first half was rubbish, just kick-and-rush stuff," said Auburn coach Ray Smirthwaite, "but the second half was quite good and quite entertaining. It was a competitive game, and I felt we deserved the win.

"Johnny McDonald was the best player, without a doubt. This was probably one of his best games all season. Andy Tracey did well for Riverwood."

MONARO — ST GEORGE 0-3

Marton, Duarte, Walker

St George really piled on the pressure in the second half against Monaro, scoring all three goals in the last half-hour.

Dez Marton kept going towards a State goalscoring record when he finished off a good cross from John Davies in the 59th minute.

Not long after, the under-staffed Monaro side were beaten by Dennis Duarte and Barry Walker goals.

Davies and Ernie Campbell missed excellent chances in front of goal, and Saints looked more impressive in their lead-up work than finishing.

The Monaro youngsters, with experienced players Bobby Noble, John Santolin and Ally Link missing, performed creditably in the first half but couldn't last the full distance, particularly after midfielder Aldo Charles was sent off early in the second half.

PARAMATTA — AVALA 2-1

Brizuela, Montgomery — **Scharfegger**

In an open match, Parramatta were fortunate to grab victory against a fast, determined Avala team.

Parramatta had Jim Herron and Vic Juchniewicz in the side after their send-offs last week (versus St George), and this obviously aided the team.

Aron Scharfegger scored first after only 10 minutes for Avala, but Nelson Brizuela pulled one back before the break, with Steve Montgomery hitting the winner in the second period.

Avala's forward line was impressive, but were denied by good goalkeeping from Dennis Donovan.

Central defender Percy Biglands and right winger Brizuela also played well for Parra.

BANKSTOWN — CANTERBURY 1-3

Radovac — **R.Brown 2, Laws**

Despite a more determined effort from Bankstown in the final 20 minutes, Canterbury did well to win 3-1, with two goals from the ever-dangerous Ross Brown.

Brown scored first in the 29th minute when he broke away a long way from goal and chipped the goalkeeper. Glen Laws added another six minutes later during a goalmouth scramble.

In the 59th minute, Bankstown keeper Wally Lachowicz got to a cross from the right, but his punch went straight to Brown, whose shot deflected off the post and into the net.

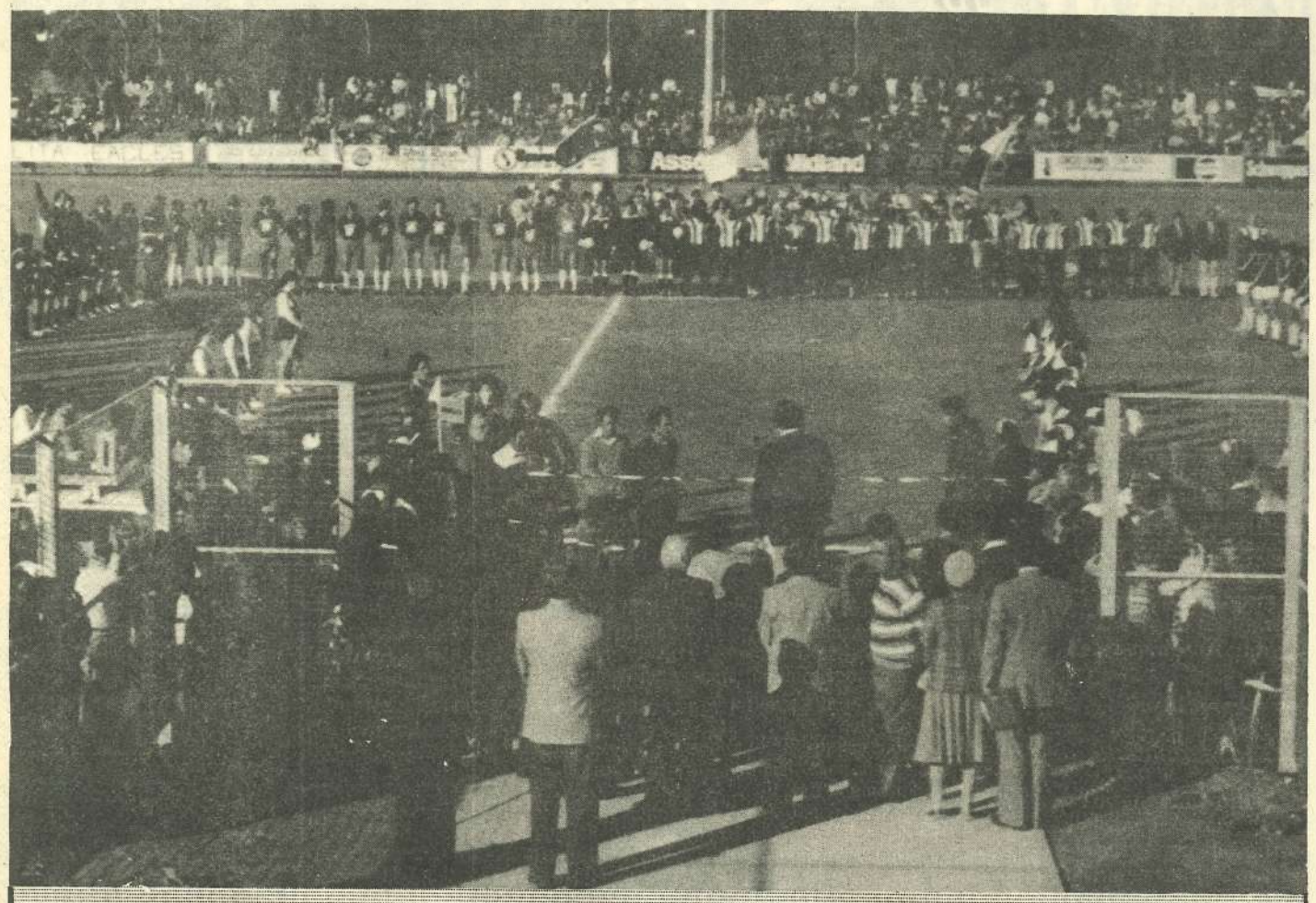
Lachowicz had performed extremely well early on when he saved a penalty, in the 12th minute.

Central defender Steve Radovac was Bankstown's man of the match, closing down many Canterbury attacks. He scored the Town's consolation goal in the 89th minute, when he converted a good cross from Craig Beveridge.

Bankstown were unlucky at times, hitting the woodwork and facing an in-form Canterbury keeper, Alex McPherson.

Bankstown were without four regular first graders, including their three midfielders, Craig Peck, Greg King (both injured), and Peter Rea, and left-back Bobby Usher (both suspended).

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES



MELITA MEET NO 1 EAGLE

NSW State League premiers, Melita Eagles, celebrated the official opening of their home ground, Melita Stadium, in style recently (before the home game against Avala), with New South Wales No 1 "Eagle", Premier Neville Wran, in attendance.

The top photo shows the F.A. Cup-style line-up of the competing teams (Melita on the right) and officials, led by referee Peter Rampley.

Right: The Melita president, Emmanuel Said, introduces Mr Wran to the Melita players, (Left to Right) Terry Greedy, Terry Jones, Don Allan, Richie Williams, Ray Farrugia and Hector Martinez.

Below: The Premier cuts the symbolic ribbon to signal the official opening of Melita Stadium, with Mr Said looking on. — Photos by Lino Vella

NSW STATE LEAGUE STARS IN PROFILE

WITH BRAD EARL

VIC DAL FORNO

SUTHERLAND

Position: Sweeper.
Birthplace: Italy.
Date of Birth: June 18th, 1953.
Nationality: Australian.
Occupation: Sales rep with TAA.
Married: No.

Career Background: I played for Earlwood Wanderers juniors, then at 15 I went and played with Croatia, in the Federation. At 18 I went to Apia, and at 21 to Sutherland.

Honours: I played in the NSW U16, U18 and U21 State side.

Biggest thrill in the game: Probably winning the Grand Final in 1978 against Croatia.

Biggest disappointment: Losing the Grand Final the following year!

Ambition: I'd like to play PSL (if they still remember me!). Other than that, to be successful in my job and in life, but definitely to play in the Philips League.

Your opinion of the State League: I think if they cut it down to eight sides, playing each other about three times a year, it would be a really good competition. The standard's getting worse every year. The top two teams would hold their own in the Philips League for a couple of games, but not over the whole season.

Best other State League team: St George.

Best State League players: At the moment I'd say John Stoddart and Dez Marton.

Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: Probably. I have coached juniors, so I do have some background there. I may have a break for a year or two, however, and then get back in.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

By Greg Blake

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Essendon Croatia failed in yet another attempt at taking over the State Victorian leadership with a bumbling performance against Northcote, resulting in a shock 0-1 defeat.

Croatia's loss was not the only upset of an unpredictable 15th Round.

Croydon ended a run of outs and in the process, swept back into the top four by winning Saturday's clash at Sunshine City, 3-0, virtually ending the Shiners' chances of a State League Cup berth.

Frankston, thanks to a couple of more goals from their amazing Scottish striker, Charlie Egan, ended Altona's spirited three-match unbeaten run with a 3-1 victory at Kim Reserve.

Hakoah recorded their first victory in two months, with a 3-0 result away to Ringwood City.

Green Gully won the all-important Maltese derby against George Cross by 2-0, to move two points clear at the top of the ladder, whilst at Doveton, the home side drew their 11th match of the year, 1-1, against Juventus.

However, it was Croatia's 0-1 loss to Northcote, their first defeat since Round 1, that provided the stunning result of the weekend.

Under their new coach Duje Zemunik, recently promoted from the reserves, Croatia disappointed, following a crushing 5-1 defeat of Sunshine last week.

Northcote plugged away and a quarter of an hour from full-time, coach Jimmy Kriaris' old compatriot at Footscray, Dragan Vasic, stole in to score the only goal of the match.

Croydon City made it a thoroughly forgettable weekend for new coaches having their first outings.

Croydon recorded their best victory for eight weeks by going to Chaplin Reserve and scoring a 3-0 victory against Sunshine.

The Shiners, under their interim coach and dynamic central-striker, Norrie Pate (the coaching decision is to be announced tomorrow, were not in the race after an initial 15 minute burst.

Their hopes of beating Croydon for the first time in their history, were dashed as Ian Loughnane tucked away a penalty before half-time, with Paul Wade and skipper Steve McCombe completing the rout.

Altona almost certainly will bid farewell to State League football at the end of the season, thanks to those spoilsports Frankston City.

Frankston, in trouble themselves, needed another two goals from Charlie Egan, to set up their 3-1 victory.

Egan now has 13 in total and stays on top of the leading goalscorers' ladder.

The massive all-action frame of Hakoah striker, Graham French, was behind his team's suprise win at Jubilee Park.

French scored a hat-trick, one penalty, to send Ringwood perilously close to a relegation spot.

George Cross lost their tenuous hold on fourth place when they lost their second Maltese derby of the season, 0-2, against Green Gully at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

Former Western Suburbs midfielder, Kit Greechan, and former Frankston ace, Kevin Wall, scored the two goals needed for victory.

Doveton, predictably, continued a 15 match unbeaten run, which includes 11 draws, by being held at home against Tony Boggi's Juventus, 1-1.

SCORES

Northcote 1 (Vasic) Croatia 0 (HT 0-0); Sunshine 0 Croydon 3 (I.Loughnane, Wade, McCombe) (HT 0-0); George Cross 0 Green Gully 2 (Wall, Greechan); Ringwood 0 Hakoah 3 (French 3); Doveton 1 (Thurlow) Juventus 1 (Ristovski); Altona 1 (O'Boyle) Frankston 3 (Egan 2, Buchanan).

LEADING SCORERS

13: Egan (Frankston)
12: McLeod (GG)
11:I. Loughnane (Croydon)
9: Inness (Altona), Mitten (Ess), Toal (GC), French (Hak)
8: Sahinidis (Nth)
7: Pate (Sun) Sinclair (Ring)

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	15	10	2	3	30	8	22
Essendon	15	7	6	2	26	13	20
Doveton	15	4	11	0	19	13	19
Croydon	15	6	6	3	25	18	18
George Cross	15	7	2	6	24	17	16
Hakoah	15	5	6	4	20	24	16
Northcote	15	5	4	6	25	35	14
Sunshine	15	5	3	7	22	25	13
Frankston	15	5	2	8	22	24	12
Ringwood	15	4	3	8	22	31	11
Juventus	15	4	3	8	14	27	11
Altona	15	2	4	9	17	31	8

By Greg Blake

Who would bet against George Cross finishing in the top four this season play their best football of the season and have been reinforced by two new recruits?

The new faces, Terry Kent — brother of Hakoah's Chris — and Hugh McCann, came into the first team a fortnight ago when Georgie downed Hakoah 3-0 to secure fourth place for the first time this year.

These two players, insists coach Jim Adam, should provide him with just a little depth to a squad which has done remarkably well already this season. At this moment Georgie are only a matter of two games from what many believed was an impossible goal for the Maltese club this season.

That is, of course, top spot.

But unfortunately the season is drawing to a close and Adam, always a realist, would be, considering his playing staff, quite satisfied to see his charges in the State League Cup play-offs.

With Croydon beginning to falter, it would seem next Sunday's game at Juventus between the home side and Georgie could give the latter yet another morale-boosting victory, although I doubt Juventus, remarkably being guided clear of the relegation area by new supremo Tony Boggi, will let the Maltese side have it all their own way.

With Ged Bannon, in the running to make it a hat-trick of Rothmans Medal wins for the Bannon family, Bobby Toal (a name to watch) and a solid central defensive pair in Norm Maitland and Billy Wilkinson, Georgie seem to have all the answers for Sunday's game.

Maltese pride, I would imagine, is running at fever pitch at the moment with Georgie's renaissance the icing on the cake as Green Gully look set to go one step further by winning the championship.

Even allowing for the splendid form of Brian Sinclair, I fail to see how Ringwood could stand a chance of upsetting the champions apparent.

At Olympic Park No 2 ground another couple of sides, indeed the only other sides with a real chance of snatching the title, meet in what should be an intriguing match.

Doveton, State League newcomers this season, have relied heavily on their defence to give them a footing at the higher level.

Led by Paul Corke the Doves defence has excelled.

So much so that they remain the only unbeaten side in the League with only a mammoth total of drawn games keeping them from the top.

They face a Croatia side used to this kind of pressure at the business end of the season and I fancy Doveton could fall for the first time in 1981.

Noel Mitten is going all out to prove his critics wrong and former Croydon man David Brogan is beginning to find the touch that seemed to desert him immediately following his transfer earlier this year.

They should give the Doveton side just enough trouble to ensure victory by the barest of margins.

At least Croatia are fortunate enough to have a side that is so talented, at this level, that Donald Duck could probably take them to a title.

Another side lacking a coach, Sunshine City, face a tough one at Kim Reserve when they meet Altona City.

Jim McIntyre resigned following his side's hammering at the hands of Croatia a fortnight back saying he felt he could no longer motivate the players.

Frankston are now facing the very real possibility of having to battle to even survive as a State League club.

They're at home to Hakoah this week and only a victory is good enough at this stage of the season.

Frankston's John Pryde tells me that he will once again attempt to lure his friend, Dutch World Cup star Johan Neeskens, out to play the last couple of games this season with Frankston.

It looks, at the time of writing, like Frankston's phenomenal new goalscoring sensation, Charlie Egan, will not be moving to either Preston or Leichhardt for the time being and that must also be good news for the Baysiders.

In the final game of the round Croydon City should have enough to dispose of Northcote City at Croydon Park.

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In the re-scheduled State League match from round two, played at Olympic Park last Wednesday night, Altona City gave a resolute display and finally upset Juventus 2-1 to open up the relegation battle with seven games remaining.

A loss in this all-important relegation tussle would have meant curtains for Altona but two goals from Kevin Inness, his eighth and ninth of the season, were enough for them to secure the two points.

Mendo Ristovski was the scorer for Juventus.

Altona's victory virtually means that at least five, perhaps six, clubs are still in danger.

"COUNTRY COUSINS" IN CUP FINAL?

By Wally Bruce

The final chapters of Queensland's Ampol Cup could be played in the country if Across the Waves and Capricornia have their way this weekend.

The young Capricornia side will play their semi-final against Grange Thistle in Rockhampton on Saturday night and Waves take on Ipswich United in Bundaberg on Sunday: The setting is there for an all-country final.

Ipswich completed the final four line-up when they edged out Mt. Gravatt in a thrilling quarter-final to take another step towards winning a place in the final for the third successive season.

Ipswich downed Thistle 2-1 in the 1979 final, then last year drew 1-1 with Townsville United, before losing 1-0 in the replay.

Against Mt. Gravatt last week, Ipswich scored after only two minutes through Bryan Kathage, but Mt. Gravatt forced extra time when Gary Bohan equalised with 17 minutes left.

Each side scored a corner in the extra 20 minutes and the match went into a penalty play-off situation.

The Ipswich hero was goalkeeper John Bennett, who saved four successive penalties from Bevan Bohan, Eric Thompson, John Ferguson and Mickey Rooney to allow Ipswich to win 2-1.

In the 16th round of the League, Thistle swept back into top four calculations by showing more determination in their 4-1 win over Wynnum, who really have nothing left to play for this year.

The match signalled a comeback for former New Zealand World Cup striker Alan Marley, who has been plagued by a back injury; he and midfielder Ricky Mangan were the stars of the match.

Kenny Gordon headed in a Wilson Maelaua cross in the 25th minute to give Thistle the lead, and they added two more in the first 15 minutes of the second half.

Promising young full-back Keith Marsh finished off a Len Pollock through ball, only minutes after Gordon had taken his second to complete a great team move, involving Huisdean Lazenby, Iain Fagan and Mangan.

Even though there are still two rounds remaining, Mt. Gravatt clinched their second successive title by beating Townsville United 3-1.

Grange Thistle 4 (Gordon 2, Marsh Marley) beat Wynnum 1. (Collins). Eastern Suburbs 1 (Peagan) beat Capricornia 0. Mt. Gravatt 3 (Dickson, G. Bohan, B. Bohan) beat Townsville United 1 (Geoghegan). Ipswich United 0 drew with Mareeba United 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt Gravatt	16	12	2	2	45	13	26
Eastern Suburbs	16	10	2	4	31	18	22
Townsville Utd.	16	10	1	5	31	19	21
Ipswich United	16	9	2	5	27	20	20
Grange Thistle	16	9	1	6	33	22	19
Across The Waves	16	8	—	8	25	26	16
Wynnum	16	5	2	9	24	29	12
Mareeba United	16	5	2	9	17	31	12
Capricornia	16	3	2	11	14	46	8

NORTHERN NSW

By Ian Smith

On paper, the best matches of the round are on this weekend. Premiership favourites, Weston, meet their tormentors Stewarts and Lloyds, and with identical results last weekend, it should be a great sight on Saturday.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston	13	11	1	1	39	11	23
Stewarts & Lloyds	13	9	2	2	34	11	20
Tamworth	14	9	1	4	23	18	19
Lake Macquarie	14	8	1	5	26	19	17
Twin Towns	13	7	3	3	20	16	17
Adamstown	14	6	3	5	30	22	15
Coffs Harbour	14	3	3	8	21	27	9
Wallsend	12	3	2	7	11	18	8
Belmont-Swansea	14	3	—	11	17	31	6
Armidale	13	—	—	13	6	54	0

Stewarts and Lloyds systematically took Belmont Swansea apart last weekend. The cohesion of this well-balanced unit was too much for the home team and Frank McKay scored in clinical fashion early to give Stewo's a 1-0 half-time lead but it should have been more as McKay himself missed an open chance any under-six would have gleefully accepted in the 31st minute.

Early in the second half Paul Queenan was sent on his way by Mansley and he outpaced Greg Smith before slotting it home beside diving Phil Williams.

Belmont, ever a disjointed side this season, were even more hampered when they were forced to make two replacements before half-time as first Holl (Coutts 15) and then Harrison (Forbes 45) had to be exchanged. Apart from Trevor Smyth, Brad Jones was their only player with understanding and vision and if his effort could only match that indicated by his facial expressions he could be a match winner.

Stewarts and Lloyds rode their relentless road to victory with Micky Boot showing some intelligent touches but as the dying seconds came it was Paul Queenan who broke to right of centre and, when one felt he should have beaten the last defender and scored himself, he crossed to behind the far past where McKay headed back to Richard Hartley who pushed it into a vacant goal.

Weston were doing a similar job against Lake Macquarie as Tony Bull opened their account in the 40th minute from 15 metres after Weston's 'punchman' Jack J Turnbull had set him up.

Despite continued fine goalkeeping by Mark Youman, Weston went further ahead in the 51st minute when a Gemmell shot was palmed to Marrone whose shot also rebounded off a defender before he put it in at the second attempt.

Lake stormed back and both Hamilton and Caban missed sitters before a penalty was saved when it hit Bellamy's legs and soared over the bar.

When clearing less than a minute later Bellamy kicked to Bull who passed to Andy Johns and he cut the defence up and made it 3-0.

So the big match happens next Saturday. I favour Weston slightly but no result would surprise and were it a Pools match I would indicate the result with an 'X'.

Tamworth climbed the ladder again with a comfortable victory over Wallsend even though one of Geoff Allwell's goals was a penalty and with Wallsend's poor support and an uninspiring team, one wonders how long this once-great club can survive in the State league now that the country teams have shown themselves superior in recent weeks.

Twin Towns 1 (Kelly) - 0 victory over Coffs Harbour on a muddy pitch was earned with a great deal of difficulty as the Banana Republic's form continues to improve with each outing. The two points earned by Twin Towns however takes them to equal fourth with Lakes — a position they will be keen to maintain in their vital clash against Tamworth next weekend while Lakes outing against Adamstown will be no less decisive for both of these teams. Indeed, if clear-cut wins are recorded it should help spread the table a little.

In other results last weekend, Adamstown, with goals from Ian Johns (4), Steve Werran (2) and Peter Winsor beat wooden spooners Armidale whose only reply came from Brian Johnston.

This week's fixtures: Saturday, July 25: Stewarts and Lloyds v Weston. Sunday, July 26: Armidale v Coffs Harbour, Twin Towns v Tamworth, Lake Macquarie v Adamstown, Wallsend v Belmont Swansea.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

THE ILLAWARRA SCENE

By Phil Murphy

Fairy Meadow officials have to know a bit about seamanship when their team plays at home.

The recent game against North Bankstown went on in a strong wind after both teams had indicated they would rather not play under the conditions.

The referee decided otherwise but Fairy Meadow secretary Walter Chichkan had a busy afternoon.

He had to man the dinghy used to retrieve balls from a nearby creek and spent more time on water than on land!

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Peter Dent broke habit of watching Corrimal play when he missed a recent premier league game.

Dent is district points registrar and a long-serving administrator with Corrimal.

He missed the game because he had to work and it was the first time he had been "absent" in nine years.

That must be some kind of record.

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Illawarra representative defender Greg McPherson won't forget the 1981 season for a while.

He started off with a transfer from Russell Vale to premier league Coniston but failed to show his best form and finished up in reserve grade.

Another transfer saw him back at Russell Vale, where he was switched to striker.

In two games, he hit eight goals and the switch proved a great success, but the following game against Crown he was out of the side because he was getting married and they went down 4-2.

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The Leisure Centre at Beaton Park is proving a popular venue with Wollongong sporting clubs.

Its director Peter Hayward doesn't just sit back and watch other people strain their muscles . . . he does his bit.

Among other sporting interests, Hayward is a keen Soccer player and turns out each weekend with University in the first division.

He plays an attacking midfield role and obviously was in a good standard of Soccer before coming here from England.

Fernhill striker Steve Quinn has found goals hard to come by since joing the club earlier this season.

He signed with Fernhill after an extended overseas trip with Coniston full-back Alan Thompson.

Playing against Oak Flats at Towradgi Park, he had a field day, scoring all four goals in his side's 4-0 win.

With Quinn having found his scoring touch and Peter Thompson also firing well up front, Fernhill must rate a great chance of taking the premiership.

VITAL TITLE MATCH

By Tom McKain

Although there are four rounds of the SA Rothmans League First Division to play, the title could be decided on Saturday.

That's when leaders Azzurri — in front by four points — are at home to second-placed Beograd.

Last Saturday Azzurri went to Elizabeth and crushed the home side 3-1 to follow up Beograd's 6-1 home win over the district team the previous week.

While Azzurri were romping at Elizabeth last Saturday, Beograd were beating second-bottom Noarlunga 3-1 at home.

After the Beograd match this week Azzurri are at home to Noarlunga, then away to Croatia and finally at home to Para Hills, but by the final round if not before, they should have clinched the title.

Back in round six Beograd, on their own ground, beat Azzurri 2-1 and on that occasion Azzurri were also leading the League.

But this time they are in overdrive, flying high, and injury-free.

However, it should still be a fascinating duel.

And there is still one going on for the Coca Cola Top Four Cup.

Polonia on 18 points, one behind Beograd, beat Cumberland 1-0 last Saturday and are two points ahead of fourth-placed Croatia (16 points).

But Campbelltown got back into the hunt for a late run when it beat Para Hills, last year's Top Four champions, 1-0 with a late penalty at home.

Croatia shattered Port Adelaide's hopes with a 2-0 win and should make it again this week when they are at home to bottom team, Elizabeth.

Campbelltown visit Cumberland who were sunk 1-0 away to Polonia.

Para Hills, played their postponed game against Noarlunga last Sunday and won 2-0 to give them 12 points and take them out of the relegation zone now filled by Cumberland, Noarlunga and bottom team, Elizabeth.

Para Hills are at home this week to Port Adelaide.

Noarlunga however, could be in strife although at home.

They have to entertain Polonia who are back on the fighting trail and may yet be candidates for the Top Four Cup, having beaten Azzurri earlier in the season.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Azzurri	14	11	1	2	39	10	23
Beograd	14	8	3	3	29	17	19
Polonia	14	8	2	4	23	20	18
Croatia	14	7	2	5	16	20	16
Para Hills	14	5	4	6	22	22	12
Campbelltown	14	5	2	7	14	15	12
Port	14	4	4	6	14	21	12
Cumblerland	14	4	2	8	14	22	10
Noarlunga	14	2	5	7	12	18	9
Elizabeth	14	2	5	7	9	28	9

NSW SOUTHERN LEAGUE

By Steve Burns

Struggling Griffith-based Hanwood almost pulled off the upset of the NSW Southern League at the weekend when they led front-runners Croatia 2-1 for most of the game, only to lose partly through an own goal.

It was a remarkable end to a remarkable match.

Hanwood deserved to at least share the points with Croatia.

ACTSF Public Relations Director, Derek Peachey, said only a loss of concentration by Wagga United in the final stages of its game with Queanbeyan cost it a crucial point when it allowed Queanbeyan's prolific goal-getter Kosta Talevski to break free and grab the equaliser.

Two results that proved, yet again, that there is still plenty of competition left in the NSW Southern League, despite the clear dominance of ACT based clubs, Croatia Deakin, West Woden Juventus, Downer Olympic and Belconnen United, all of whom returned wins. Second placed West Woden Juventus, held to a scoreless half-time result by Kooringal Lions, rallied in the second half of its game in Wagga to win 4-0, with a hat-trick from Jack Doherty and a lone goal by dynamic Ernie Johns.

Belconnen United's Greg Willett, known to score the odd goal as a midfielder, hit top form against Cootamundra to ram home four goals in United's 5-0 win, with the other being scored by Norman Holcroft.

Less conclusive was Downer Olympic's 2-0 win against a vastly improved and tenacious, Yoogali, with goals from player/coach, Brendan Grosse, and Argentinian-born Oscar Langone.

A 2-0 win by Albury Hotspurs in Goulburn, against a disappointing Goulburn Workers, kept it within sight of the top four and helped narrow the two point gap between it and top southern NSW club, Macedonia Queanbeyan.

With eight more rounds, plus postponed games, to go, it is still very much on the cards that more surprises are in the offing.

In round 14 no fewer than four of the six games promise continuing Soccer thrills and entertainment.

While Belconnen United's home game against Goulburn Workers and Albury Hotspurs at home against Cootamundra hold little to grab the attention of fans, attention turns to games in Griffith, Wagga and Canberra.

In Griffith, Yoogali hosts West Woden Juventus, a venue that does not hold too many pleasant memories for Juventus at present. Last time out it was a 5-1 win for Juventus but a closer result is expected this time around.

Downer Olympic and Kooringal Lions, at 2-1 for Olympic, was close enough last time to expect an equally close result again in the ACT while Wagga United, defeated 3-0 by Hanwood in Griffith, could well see a reversal when Hanwood travels to Wagga.

However, the match of the round, bearing in mind Croatia Deakin's close shave against Hanwood and Macedonia Queanbeyan's last minute draw with Wagga United, has to be the Deakin Oval clash between Croatia Deakin and Macedonia Queanbeyan on Sunday.

In their last meeting Croatia could only net once against a Macedonian side that, at that time, had not really settled into any recognisable form.

Now the form is recognisable, under the guidance of former Croatia Deakin stalwart, Nick Boskovski, and a top game is forecast.

NSW SOUTHERN LEAGUE
(at 12-7-81)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia Deakin	12	11	1	—	57	7	23
West Woden Juventus	11	8	2	1	40	11	18
Downer Olympic	11	8	2	1	35	9	18
Belconnen United	11	8	1	2	28	12	17
Macedonia Queanbeyan	12	5	4	3	28	17	14
Albury Hotspurs	11	6	1	4	26	18	13
Korringal Lions	12	5	—	7	26	23	10
Hanwood	12	3	3	6	24	30	9
Yoogali	12	2	3	7	21	29	7
Wagga United	12	1	2	9	13	46	4
Goulburn Workers	12	2	—	10	11	54	4
Cootamundra	12	—	3	9	12	65	3

ACTSF FOOTBALL LEAGUE — 1st GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luso SC	12	10	1	1	30	11	21
Kambah United	12	8	3	1	33	12	19
Canberra United	12	7	2	3	30	16	16
Narrabundah SC	12	6	4	2	32	19	16
Polonia White Eagles	12	6	3	3	30	18	15
West Woden Juventus	12	3	2	4	27	19	14
ANU	12	5	5	4	11	13	11
RMC	12	4	1	6	14	20	11
Belconnen United	12	4	2	6	21	28	10
Downer Olympic	12	3	2	6	18	25	10
Croatia Deakin	12	3	3	6	18	24	9
Canberra North	12	2	2	7	12	24	8
Weston Creek	12	—	3	7	17	27	7
Concordia Phillip	12		1	11	9	46	1

NO MIRACLES FOR WALLY BOJCZUK

By Tom McKain

Azzurri's Wally Bojczuk, prolific scorer as he is, will have to work a miracle — if he is to set any sort of record as a scorer in the SA Rothmans League First Division.

With five rounds to go, he has netted 14 times — but according to Henry Kurczak, statistician for the SA branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association, he would have to net 36 to set a record.

Back in 1956, Horst Welk got 35 for Juventus, and Ted Donnelly equalled this in 1960 for the same club.

Other figures include 17 for Nick Pantellis in '71, 15 — Bruce Wadelow the following year, followed by 16 — Pantelis, 13 John Kosmina, 14 — Joe Serafini, 14 — Johnny Kamlietner and 14 — Serafini.

Last year's Rothman's League top scorer was Para Hills' Harry Bell with 12.

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• David Leane, shock appointment as Cumberland's new coach, may yet pull on his boots again.

The big striker who had a run with Giants in the PSL before returning to Cumberland, is determined to coach from the sideline.

And he certainly came up with some novel stuff when the team beat Noarlunga the other week — a tape of one of Shane Gould's record Olympic swims.

This was appropriate as Noarlunga's ground was more like a swimming pool than a Soccer pitch.

Leane has taken over from former player — coach Mike Ball, who was sacked, but retained as sweeper and is now obviously playing better without the coaching hassles.

Ball's form when coach could have swayed Leane into hanging up his boots.

A dentist when he isn't playing Soccer, Leane is one of the most articulate coaches around, and is tipped to lift Cumberland back up among the top four clubs where they had previously been a fixture.

• At last! Work has started on the improvements at Hindmarsh Stadium to meet the requirements of FIFA for the World Youth Cup matches to be staged in Adelaide.

Plumbing has already been laid for the enlarged and updated dressing-rooms which will please the Hawks' and visiting players.

The teams involved in the summer Ampol Cup series will also be delighted as showers were scarce.

However, a whisper has reached us that while there will be a Press room to house the overseas and local scribes and commentators, the present Press box (seats with a small sloping shelf) will not be altered because of lack of funds.

GET YOUR POOLS IN...

With DEBORAH

THREE STATES SHARE $151,180

This week's Pools scoop prize of $151,180 has been shared by three entries from South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria.

The South Australian winner is Mercie Coombes, a 40-year-old mother of two teenage children from Elizabeth Fields, who has won $50,186.

Mercie, who is presently on leave from her job at the Gawler Hospital, said: "This is great news for my family as we have not had a decent holiday for a long time. I will take my husband Ivan, daughter Theresa and son Roger back to Limberick in Ireland for Christmas.

"I have not been back to Ireland since 1957 so it will be great for all of us."

Ivan is also home from work but was in bed sick with a virus. He expects to be back on his feet again in the next couple of days.

David Browne, a computer operator from Sydney's North Shore, has been taking the Pools with a long-time friend for a couple of years, and they have won $50,478.

David said: "This is a tremendous boost to my wife Jenny, as we have been married now for only a year.

"We will use the money for a deposit on a home."

The Victorian winner is Fred Bowden, a regular customer at the Paynesville general store who shares a ticket with Doreen Trethowan (the owner of the store and also the local Pools agent). They have won $50,515.

Fred, who was born late last century, has been taking the Pools with Doreen for over 12 months.

VICTORIA DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARIBYRNONG	17	7	2	0	26	6	5	0	3	15	10	26
ALBION ROVERS	17	6	0	2	19	8	3	4	2	16	15	22
WESTERN	17	6	2	0	24	12	3	2	4	14	15	22
BOX HILL	17	6	0	2	22	9	3	3	3	11	15	21
RICHMOND	17	4	1	4	9	10	3	2	3	10	9	17
ALTONA GATE	17	3	3	2	9	6	3	2	4	8	15	17
KEW PARK	17	2	5	2	8	6	2	3	3	7	11	16
KEILOR	17	4	1	4	15	16	3	1	4	12	16	16
PRAHRAN	17	3	2	4	11	13	1	4	3	6	11	14
MORWELL	17	1	4	3	7	9	3	0	6	13	17	12
KNOX CITY	17	4	0	5	16	14	1	1	6	7	18	11
MORELAND	17	2	2	4	11	16	2	0	7	6	25	10

VICTORIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAWKNER	17	6	2	1	26	12	4	2	2	15	10	24
DONCASTER	17	5	3	1	18	7	2	3	3	13	12	20
FRANKSTON PINES	17	3	2	3	10	11	5	2	2	13	7	20
PRESTON	17	4	2	2	16	11	4	1	4	12	16	19
FOOTSCRAY	17	2	2	4	6	13	5	2	1	17	9	18
MELBOURNE	17	5	1	3	14	13	2	3	3	8	11	18
SPRINGVALE	17	3	3	3	17	15	3	2	3	11	13	17
STH. MELBOURNE	17	6	0	3	14	8	1	1	6	10	18	15
ARDEER	17	4	3	9	13	2	2	4	7	14	14	14
WAVERLEY	17	4	0	4	12	11	1	3	5	7	16	13
DANDENONG	16	2	2	3	8	12	3	1	5	10	16	13
HEIDELBERG U.	17	1	2	5	9	14	3	1	5	17	17	11

VICTORIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RINGWOOD U.	17	6	2	0	15	4	5	3	1	13	9	27
BELL PARK	17	5	2	2	19	11	4	4	0	17	9	24
ST. ALBANS	17	4	2	2	15	13	5	1	3	15	16	21
BROADMEADOWS	17	5	3	1	20	14	2	3	3	13	12	20
HEIDELBERG	17	4	2	3	19	13	3	2	3	15	17	18
PT. MELBOURNE	17	5	1	3	19	13	2	3	3	8	11	18
WERRIBEE	17	6	0	3	17	11	2	2	4	11	17	18
CORIO	17	2	3	3	14	15	3	1	5	15	18	14
PRAHRAN CTY	17	3	1	4	11	15	3	1	5	14	14	14
YALLOURN	17	2	2	5	14	15	2	1	5	14	22	11
COBURG	17	1	4	3	10	13	2	1	6	9	18	11
ELTHAM	17	3	1	4	12	17	0	1	8	10	22	8

VICTORIA DIVISION FOUR

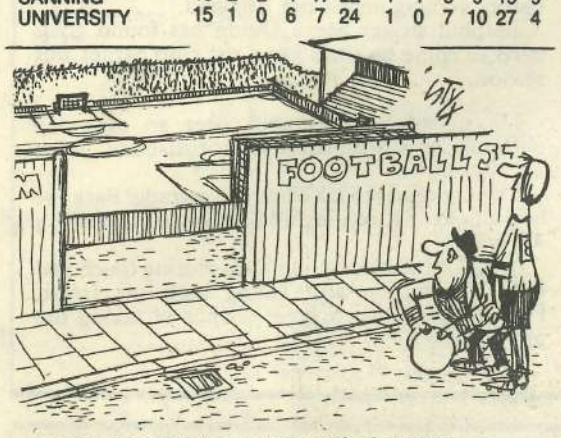
	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MORNINGTON	17	7	2	0	28	8	5	2	1	16	11	28
SUNBURY U.	17	8	0	1	20	5	3	4	1	12	7	26
NUNAWADING	17	6	2	0	26	4	5	1	3	23	14	25
ROYAL PARK	16	7	1	0	20	4	4	2	2	13	13	25
BRIGHTON	17	4	3	1	13	8	3	3	3	14	12	20
NTH DANDENONG	16	1	7	1	8	7	3	2	2	10	8	17
KEYSBORO	17	3	0	5	10	14	4	2	2	11	7	16
MOORABBIN	17	1	4	3	10	12	2	3	3	8	13	13
MONASH	17	1	3	5	9	17	2	2	2	10	19	11
SANDRINGHAM	17	1	2	6	12	20	2	2	2	9	16	10
FERNTREE	17	2	1	5	9	16	1	3	3	6	18	10
CHELSEA	17	0	1	7	7	24	0	0	0	7	34	1

WEST AUSTRALIA STATE LEAGUE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AZZURRI	12	5	1	0	14	4	6	0	0	13	3	23
KINGSWAY	12	5	1	0	12	4	1	2	3	6	14	15
FORRESTFIELD	12	2	3	0	8	5	2	3	2	10	8	14
EAST FREMANTLE	12	4	1	1	13	6	2	1	3	5	8	14
INGLEWOOD	12	2	1	3	7	6	4	0	2	14	9	13
SPEARWOOD	11	3	0	3	11	12	1	2	2	4	8	10
GOSNELLS	12	2	3	2	10	8	1	0	4	5	11	9
WEST PERTH	12	1	1	4	6	11	2	0	4	10	11	7
WINDMILLS	12	1	1	4	9	15	1	2	3	10	13	7
STIRLING C.	11	0	1	4	3	12	1	3	2	6	8	6

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ATHENA	15	5	1	1	24	10	6	2	0	20	3	25
NORTH PERTH	15	4	1	2	21	11	6	1	1	31	9	22
MELVILLE	15	5	2	1	17	7	4	2	1	17	6	22
COCKBURN	15	4	1	2	17	11	4	2	2	17	11	19
EAST PERTH	15	5	1	2	16	11	2	1	4	12	13	16
KELMSCOTT	15	5	1	2	20	10	1	2	4	8	15	15
BALGA	15	2	2	4	10	17	4	0	3	13	15	14
BASSENDEAN	15	0	2	5	7	21	4	2	2	13	12	12
KWINANA	15	2	1	4	6	10	2	2	4	16	23	11
OSBORNE PK.	15	5	1	2	21	15	0	0	7	3	30	11
CANNING	15	2	2	4	17	22	1	1	5	9	19	9
UNIVERSITY	15	1	0	6	7	24	1	0	7	10	27	4



"Now I want to test your quality with a long range shot"

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BALCATTA	15	6	2	0	20	10	3	4	0	17	8	24
SWAN ATH.	14	5	1	2	18	7	4	0	2	8	7	19
SORRENTO	15	3	4	0	9	3	4	1	3	10	10	19
ROCKINGHAM	15	2	4	2	14	13	2	4	1	7	6	16
BUNBURY C.	15	3	4	0	10	4	2	2	4	11	16	16
BEDFORD U.	15	3	2	3	14	19	2	3	2	8	8	15
PERTH CITY	15	1	1	5	7	13	4	3	1	18	10	14
TUART HILL	15	2	3	3	11	14	2	3	2	12	11	14
WANNEROO	15	3	2	3	9	10	2	2	3	10	13	14
BAYSWATER	14	3	1	2	9	7	1	3	4	9	14	12
QUEENS PK	15	3	1	3	7	5	0	1	7	3	12	8
SUBIACO	15	1	2	4	9	15	1	1	6	7	22	7

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WEST TORRENS	16	6	2	1	25	9	5	2	0	18	6	26
WEST ADELAIDE	16	4	4	1	16	8	4	2	1	14	7	22
ADELAIDE CITY	16	4	2	2	15	11	5	1	2	14	10	21
BRIGHTON CITY	16	5	1	2	20	11	2	3	3	13	16	18
WHYALLA	16	3	2	3	14	17	4	2	2	17	13	18
VICTORIA	16	3	2	3	12	10	4	1	3	9	9	17
WESTFIELDS	16	2	2	4	13	20	4	2	2	17	10	16
LION	16	3	2	3	13	15	2	2	4	12	15	14
MODBURY	16	1	0	6	6	14	4	3	2	17	10	13
SALISBURY	16	1	4	4	6	11	3	1	3	13	12	13
STURT	16	1	2	4	8	17	1	4	4	11	21	10
WINDSOR	16	0	2	5	6	23	0	2	7	11	25	4

QUEENSLAND DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TRIDENT	17	6	2	1	27	8	5	1	2	16	11	25
MITCHELTON	17	7	1	1	21	10	4	2	2	8	9	25
COALSTARS	17	5	3	1	17	7	5	0	3	13	14	23
ACACIA RIDGE	17	5	1	2	10	7	5	1	3	21	12	22
ANNERLEY	17	4	3	2	18	12	3	1	4	11	10	18
TARINGA	17	4	1	4	14	19	3	3	2	10	10	18
DARRA	17	5	0	3	21	14	2	3	4	14	16	17
PINE RIVERS	17	3	1	4	10	13	3	1	5	20	25	14
SALISBURY	17	2	3	3	14	14	2	1	6	6	19	12
OLYMPIC	17	3	1	5	10	11	1	2	5	8	15	11
SUNNYSIDE	17	2	3	3	12	18	1	2	6	12	19	11
SOUTHSIDE	17	3	0	5	6	14	0	2	7	8	20	8

QUEENSLAND DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GOODNA	14	5	1	0	23	5	5	2	1	21	10	23
NEWMARKET	13	3	2	1	14	6	6	1	0	26	9	21
NORTH STAR	14	3	4	1	13	10	5	1	0	13	6	21
INDUSTRIAL	14	4	0	2	15	12	3	1	4	10	12	13
REDLANDS	14	1	2	5	6	11	3	3	0	14	6	14
SOUTHS UTD.	13	3	2	1	18	7	2	1	4	9	13	13
RIVERSIDE	14	1	2	4	7	11	3	3	1	9	6	13
INALA CITY	14	1	1	4	4	13	4	2	2	13	15	13
GAP	14	3	1	4	15	15	2	1	3	6	11	12
UNIVERSITY	13	1	0	5	7	14	2	2	3	6	17	8
REDCLIFFE	13	2	2	3	13	20	0	1	5	8	17	6
NTH. BRISBANE	14	1	2	5	11	21	0	1	5	10	24	5

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VIC.DIV.1	KEILOR	MORWELL	1	1	
	KNOX CITY	BOX HILL	2	2	
	PRAHRAN	KEW PARK	3	2	
VIC.DIV.2	ARDEER	DANDENONG	4	X	*
	FAWKNER	HEIDELBERG U.	5	1	
	MELBOURNE	DONCASTER	6	X	*
	PRESTON	FOOTSCRAY	7	1	
	SPRINGVALE	FRANKSTON P.	8	2	
	WAVERLEY	S. MELBOURNE	9	1	
VIC.DIV.3	BELL PARK	PT. MELBOURNE	10	1	
	BROADM'DOWS	PRAHRAN CTY.	11	1	
	COBURG	WERRIBEE	12	2	
	HEIDELBERG	ST. ALBANS	13	2	
	RINGWOOD U.	CORIO	14	1	
	YALLOURN	ELTHAM	15	1	
VIC.DIV.4	BRIGHTON	ROYAL PARK	16	2	
	MONASH	FERNTREE	17	X	*
	MORNINGTON	KEYSBORO	18	1	
	N. DANDENONG	CHELSEA	19	1	
	NUNAWADING	MOORABBIN	20	1	
	SANDRINGHAM	SUNBURY U.	21	2	
W.A. State League	E. FREMANTLE	INGLEWOOD	22	X	*
	FORRESTF'LD	AZZURRI	23	2	
	WEST PERTH	SPEARWOOD	24	2	
W.A. Div.2	ATHENA	KELMSCOTT	25	1	
	BALGA	KWINANA	26	1	
	CANNING	UNIVERSITY	27	X	*
	COCKBURN	BASSENDEAN	28	1	
	EAST PERTH	NORTH PERTH	29	2	
	MELVILLE	OSBORNE PK.	30	1	
W.A. Div. 3	BALCATTA	SUBIACO	31	1	
	BEDFORD U.	BAYSWATER	32	1	
	PERTH CITY	QUEENS PK.	33	1	
	ROCKINGHAM	SWAN ATH.	34	2	
	SORRENTO	BUNBURY C.	35	1	
	WANNEROO	TUART HILL	36	X	
S.A. State League	AZZURRI	BEOGRAD	37	X	*
	CROATIA	ELIZABETH	38	1	
	CUMBERLAND	CAMPB'LTOWN	39	X	
	NOARLUNGA U.	POLONIA	40	2	
	PARA HILLS	PT. ADELAIDE	41	2	
S.A. Div. 2	ADELAIDE C.	WHYALLA	42	1	
	BRIGHTON CTY.	WINDSOR	43	1	
	LION	VICTORIA	44	X	*
	MODBURY	STURT	45	1	
	SALISBURY	W. TORRENS	46	2	
	W. ADELAIDE	WESTFIELDS	47	1	
Qld. Div. 1	ACACIA RIDGE	SALISBURY	48	1	
	COALSTARS	SOUTHSIDE	49	1	
	DARRA	ANNERLEY	50	X	*
	MITCHELTON	PINE RIVERS	51	1	
	OLYMPIC	SUNNYSIDE	52	1	
	TRIDENT	TARINGA	53	1	
Qld Div.2	GAP	REDLANDS	54	2	
	INALA CITY	INDUSTRIAL	55	2	

Australian Soccer Weekly selections for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score-draws).

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS 3 pts: 4, 7, 8, 15, 16, 23, 53.

SCORELESS DRAWS 2 pts: 3, 11.

1 1	2 1/2	3 2	4 3	5 1	6 1	7 3
8 3	9 1	10 1/2	11 2	12 1/2	13 1	14 1	15 3
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THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

How would you like to win a great Presto prize ?

Just answer the simple questions in A.S.W.'s PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PRESTO QUIZ, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. Please state your preference — either a leg of Presto ham or five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

All entries have to be in this office by Monday. The first correct entry opened will be the winner.

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1.Doug Collins. 2.Four. 3.Newcastle KB. 4.Aston Villa. 5.Liam Brady. 6.Yes..

The winner was:

Jimmy Demetriou - 191 Croydon Road, Hurstville, NSW, and he chose a leg of Presto ham.

Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. Name Australia's goalkeeper against New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground this year in the World Cup.

2. Eddie Krncevic played for a Melbourne team before transferring to Marconi - true or false ?

3. What country beat West Germany in the 1966 World Cup Final ?

4. In which Scottish city do Hearts and Hibs play

5.The 1979 World Youth Tournament was played in Japan - true or false ?

6. Has the Soviet Union ever won the World Cup ?

The winner's name and address will be in next week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

PRESTO
MEAT & SMALLGOODS

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

CRAIG LOW

Brisbane Lions young striker, Craig Low (21), has received a tremendous compliment from Adelaide City's guest superstar, Justin Fashanu, after the recent PSL match at Richlands.

Fashanu described Low as the best young prospect he had seen in Australia.

"On a one-match performance he is by far the best I've seen," Fashanu said.

Fashanu also praised the performance of the man who marked him in the match, Lions' big stopper Col Bennett. He described Col as "tough but fair".

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Now he has a fully fit 18-man squad, Adelaide Hawks' coach Peter Jaksa says there will be no sentiment as he attempts to save the club from relegation.

"The slightest mistake by any player, or a drop in form, will mean a fresh man on the field, or into the side from the start, from now on," he said.

"Avoiding relegation is like winning the League for me.

"I was brought in to get the club out of trouble, and while some people's pride may get hurt it has to be done.

"If any player who is dropped can accept that fact, and fight to get back in, he, too, will be helping to lift us up the table."

Wollongong full-back Jeff Ainsworth was reported out of uniform at the recent away game to Leichhardt.

He looked a bit out of place arriving at the ground — with his team-mates immaculately attired in their maroon jackets and grey slacks.

His excuse was that his jacket was stolen as he was having a drink after the Newcastle match a week earlier.

He now faces a long wait while the tailor makes him a new one.

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"All we need now is a funny hat and a red nose."

It was Graham Honeyman talking about Adelaide Hawks' new strip, which had its first outing in the 2-0 win over Marconi.

Hawks' blue and white stripes have been changed — one very wide blue stripe down the middle and two wide ones down the sides of the shirt.

And the stripes carry on to the shorts.

It did look a bit "circusy" at first, but in the end we think the fans accepted it.

And if it means more victories, the players will be happy to wear anything — even red noses.

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Leichhardt's Frank Leyden has been missing from the team for a few weeks. Unfortunately, he suffered a back injury in a car accident and is recuperating at present.

Adelaide Giants' all-rounder Glenn Dods is making progress after a knee operations, but won't be allowed to rush back.

Coach Bob D'Ottavi thinks the Kiwi international will be lucky to return for the game against Brisbane Gladiators in Queensland in the second last round of the season.

Goalkeeper Peter Marshall, who had his leg broken in the game against Canberra, is making progress and is aiming to start training again in November, following the double break and complications.

Wollongong Wolves will hold their inaugural ball at the Fraternity Bowling Club on Wednesday night, September 30.

To indicate the good relations between the Wolves and Illawarra district clubs, a Miss Wollongong City will be crowned.

Each district club has been invited to enter a young lady to contest the title.

It should be a great night and bookings can be made at the club office on 84 7135.

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Peter Graham had a bit of PSL experience at Wollongong Showground recently.

One of Illawarra's top referees, he was appointed to a line for the Wollongong-Newcastle KB youth game.

He was also fourth official for the main game.

Illawarra referees are looking forward to the day when they receive the recognition they deserve, but that might be a long time coming.

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Congratulations are in order for Wollongong's young defenders Ray Vlietstra and Zivko Hristovski.

They have been named in the NSW Combined High Schools squad to contest the Australian titles in Melbourne.

Both play with the Wollongong youth side and show a ton of potential.

They also combined in the South Coast high schools side which won the State championship and proved themselves key players.

Wolves' coach Ken Morton says the boys are typical of the young talent coming through in the Illawarra area.

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The Rene Houseman affair drags on and on. Ever since it was first stated that the Argentinian World Cup player would play for Sydney City Slickers, conjecture about his arrival has been rife.

On one occasion the player was even supposed to be on board a Pan Am jet on its way to Sydney. When the plane landed, of course, the "wrong" Houseman was on it - Rene's young brother Marcelo.

Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace warned Slickers coach Eddie Thomson : "There are about 13 Houseman brothers - you might get the lot before the REAL one arrives !"

All jokes aside, it really is a strange affair. Sydney City secretary David Childs, interviewed on Sydney's Channel Seven, insisted on Sunday that he is in daily touch by phone with Rene Houseman in Buenos Aires and the whole business should be sorted out this week. Childs said : "There could be another party coming here as well."

We wonder what that means.

Slickers realise that if they do not produce Houseman - the real Houseman - they are going to finish up with egg on their face.

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Gary Power was appointed as referee of Sunday's Sydney City v Footscray PSL match...but he didn't get the game.

It seems Sydney City were anything but happy about Mr Power handling this match only a few days after the same ref had dished out five yellow cards to Slickers players in the midweek game against Blacktown Demons.

Taking Gary Power off the Sunday match was a logical move, although ASW was assured the switch was made BEFORE the midweek game against Blacktown.

GLENN DODS

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READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

Hello Rasic fan from Glenelg:

I do know "what's what" in Soccer.

David Mitchell came out of the youngster range of Enfield Victoria! Les Scheinflug spent time down at Rusworth Reserve in Enfield.

I never ever will knock Rale Rasic!!

Rale and myself have had a long Soccer chat after the Blacktown Demons — Gladiators game at Spencer Park.

We should have no "knock-downs" in Soccer, only "bring-ups": bring up our youngsters.

Re the Billy Bingham coach tip in ASW. Ireland is green and cosy. Australia has thousands of miles of white beaches. People here and in Ireland are different — so are Soccer players.

European and South American countries like their coaches to come from their own land. Like Jupp Derwall (West Germany) and of course Billy Bingham (N. Ireland.)

We in Australia should get our own "Aussie man" as national coach for the first time. No matter whc he is. We've had enough tries with overseas coaches. The Australian Soccer Federation must have too much money. They should spend it on junior coaching and on the national team players not on expensive overseas coaches.

Now what about the crisis at Marconi? It has been caused by giving Sharne, Krncevic, Jankovics, Henderson and others too much football — overfeed. These players need a three weeks fishing trip to a deserted island and no Soccer balls. After that, they will return to make Marconi mightly again. Every club goes through a slump — none can be always on top.

Good luck Marconi. Show us again our beloved Marconi.

Klaus Eggers
Brisbane

I am writing in response to your article in the edition of July 7, on the proposal for a substitute U16 tournament which would be limited to the east coast.

The whole concept is very good; however the article stated that to be eligible participating players would have to be born after August 1, 1965. This in effect would rule out a large percentage of those players who had participated at the last championship (U15) in Melbourne, 1980.

As a result, the teams from the respective States or Territories would not necessarily represent the best available U16 sides in Eastern Australia. Instead they would represent only half of the available 16-year-old players. This seems to be very harsh and unfair treatment for many players who have put in a lot of hard work and effort into achieving representational status.

If this proposal is to be the "first shots fired in preparing for the 1985 World Youth Titles", then it should not be referred to as an Australian Under 16 Championship when many 16-year-old players would not be eligible.

Surely the two objectives could be achieved without penalising one group.

David Charlton
Giralang, ACT.

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Coke adds life to Soccer

ALLEN BACK AT THE HAWTHORNS

Ronnie Allen is West Brom's new manager, succeeding Ron Atkinson, now with Manchester United.

Allen was a star centre-forward with West Brom and England, one of the club's most illustrious players since the war.

Even so, he never expected to be invited back as manager. He was appointed West Brom manager in June 1977 but resigned only five months later to coach the national team of Saudi Arabia.

The Arabs paid slightly more than the English club. Allen picked up $4,000 a week!

After being appointed for the second time, Allen said: "This time I want to stay at the Hawthorns for life. Having left once, I never thought I'd get another chance but I'm delighted to be back and hope for great things with my old club."

U.K. SOCCER SCENE

DOCHERTY TO BUY

STUART PEARSON

Tommy Docherty has had several talks with West Ham United forward Stuart Pearson in a bid to lure the player to Preston North End.

Pearson, on offer at $90,000, is also being sought by Burnley.

He says he not in a hurry to make up his mind. Pearson was with The Doc at Manchester United a few years ago.

Another of Docherty's former Man United men, Stewart Houston, now with Sheffield United, is also on Preston's shopping list.

Stuart Boam, 31 year-old Newcastle United centre-half, looks sure to accept the job of player-manager with Mansfield Town.

Mansfield is Boam's home town.

Ian Walsh, the Welsh international forward, is set to leave Crystal Palace. His new club could be Swansea City, new members of the first division.

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Terry Hennessy, former Welsh international wing-half and Nottingham Forest and Birmingham City star, is tipped to become coach of Tulsa Roughnecks in the NASL.

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RED DEVILS WILL SPEND

Manchester United are very angry about the loss of Scottish international centre-forward Joe Jordan to Italian club A.C. Milan. They are already hunting for a big-name replacement to take over.

Who will it be ? Just about every outstanding striker in the English first division is being tipped as Jordan's successor. Perhaps the most interesting name thrown up is that of Trevor Francis.

The Nottingham Forest star has not always seen eye-to-eye with his manager Brian Clouygh and would probably relish the thought of a move to Old Trafford.

Forest, though, would probably demand a British record transfer fee. Francis, it will be remembered, was the first UK player to move for a million pounds.

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Alan Sunderland, the 28-year-old Arsenal striker, is in trouble.

He had blood and urine tests taken after his car hit and killed two middle-aged pedestrians. According to a police report the accident happened in Bramley Rd, Enfield in North London, not far from Arsenal's home ground, Highbury.

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OLD TRAFFORD BONANZA

Manchester United may moan about the slump in their crowd figures last season — indeed this was given as one reason for the sacking of manager Dave Sexton — but they are still top of the pops with fans.

United's average home attendance in 1980-81 was 45,000. Next season, estimated cash takings from 21 Football League games at Old Trafford will be more than $4,000,000.

United have 20,000 season ticket holders. Not one surrendered his seat for the 1981-82 campaign.

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Middlesbrough are asking $1,000,000 for Mark Procter, their England Under 21 midfielder — and top clubs Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa are battling to sign the boy.

Forest boss Brian Clough thought he had Procter's agreement but Villa Manager Ron Saunders is now tipped to outbid him. But the player says he fancies Forest!

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COBBOLD STRIKES BLOW FOR TEAM BOSSES

Ipswich Town's chairman Patrick Cobbold has hit out at clubs who hire and fire team managers willy-nilly.

Cobbold said: "Manchester United's signing of Ron Atkinson from West Brom was a disgrace. United should be setting the standard, not lowering it. They never approached our manager Bobby Robson and if they had, I would have told them firmly they were out of order. Contracts are to be honoured, not treated with contempt.

"I expect the Ipswich manager and everyone on the staff to honour their contracts to the letter. How can you expect the fans to behave if we don't?"

The thought of firing a manager just because the team has gone badly appals Patrick Cobbold.

He said: "It takes at least three years for a new manager to settle down. Too many clubs demand instant success, but that's something you cannot buy."

It is no coincidence that Ipswich Town have a prouder record of stability with team managers than any club in England.

SPONSOR WANTED FOR THE CUP

The Football League, most powerful club competition in world Soccer, is searching for a sponsor to take over its Football League Cup competition.

The League tried once before to interest a big company but failed.

Now secretary Graham Kelly has written to most of England's top companies, looking for one to take on a two-year sponsorship commitment.

Big bait is to include the firm's name in the new title of the competition. Other benefits include free advertising at the Final at Wembley, VIP treatment for company guests on match days, and co-operation from players in the winning team in promotional work.

The League claims that last season's Final at Wembley had a television audience of 66,000,000 in 42 countries.

That ought to attract some firm with spare cash.

"WE LIKE OUR FANS"

Not all British football fans are hooligans and trouble-makers. Ipswich Town are proud of the way their fans behave — particularly when they travel to Europe.

Ipswich have just receivecd a letter from the ferry company which transported 6,000 Ipswich supporters back from the UEFA Cup Final against Alkmaar in Holland. The letter congratulated the club on the perfect behaviour of its fans, pointing out that, despite the celebrations on Ipswich's victory, not one glass was broken in the bar. And the bar stayed open all night!

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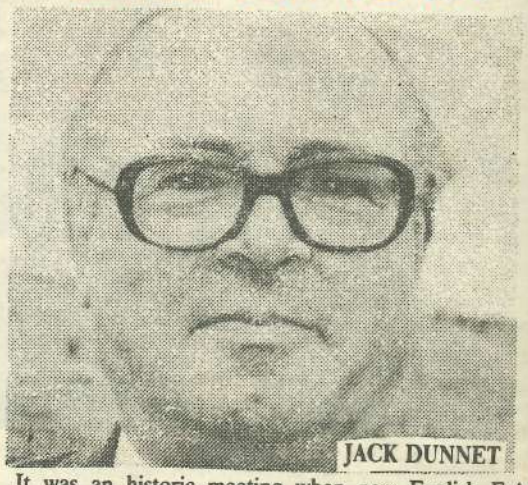
Steve Buckley, Derby County's full-back, is on offer at $600,000. West Ham United are tipped to buy him.

NEW DEAL FOR ENGLAND TEAM


JACK DUNNET

It was an historic meeting when new English F.A. chairman Bert Millichap met Jack Dunnet the new chairman of the Football League.

The two bodies have pulled in opposite directions for many years and this has reflected on English international performances.

Now Millichap and Dunnet have agreed to work in close harmony for the good of Soccer, with the national team a priority.

The pair want to ensure that the "club v country" battle becomes a thing of the past. They say this will be done by rearranging club fixtures and, perhaps, even by making the English first division smaller.

George Kirby was asked to resign as manager of Halifax Town — and refused. Five hours later, he was sacked!

Kirby said: "I had two years to run on my three-year contract so I'm taking legal action to gain compensation from the club."

MULLERY AND HIS MATE!

Alan Mullery, new manager of Charlton Athletic, says he is not worried about dropping from first division Brighton to the second division.

He said: "I spent an hour with Charlton chairman Mike Glickstein discussing the job and at the end, I felt we were old mates. I was overwhelmed by his enthusiasm. He told me if I took the job, Charlton would belong to me.

"That's the kind of relationship every manager longs for with his chairman."

MASS EXODUS FROM MANCHESTER UNITED

One of the saddest aspects of a team manager getting the sack is the number of others who often get the boot with him.

Take Manchester United as a prime example. They've had a real clear-out since Dave Sexton was axed. Sexton's assistant Tommy Cavanagh went at the same time and now four more of the Old Trafford backroom boys have been handed their cards.

They are goalkeeper coach Harry Gregg, coaches Syd Owen and Jack Crompton and the physiotherapist, Laurie Brown. The physio, of course, was the man involved in the previous sacking of Tommy Docherty, albeit unwillingly involved.

Martin Edwards

United chairman Martin Edwards sacked them all, although the recommendations were made to the Board by new manager Ron Atkinson before he went on holiday.

By the way, United have already paid out $160,000 to send Sexton and Cavanagh on their way to Coventry!